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SUPERIORITY HELD BY ROYAL AIR FORCE DEMONSTRATED IN SEVERE FIGHT WITH THE GERMANS

Desire By Nazi High Command To Preserve Diminished Fleet

LONDON, DEC. 19 (BRITISH WIRELESS)—INFORMED CIRCLES IN LONDON REGARD THE STRENUOUS RESISTANCE MADE BY GERMAN FIGHTERS TO THE R.A.F. RECONNAISSANCE YESTERDAY AS INDICATING THE INCREASED DESIRE BY THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND TO PRESERVE THEIR DIMINISHED FLEET.

The R.A.F. expedition had as its object the seeking out and destruction of enemy ships at sea but the Germans had withdrawn their naval forces in an endeavour to protect them from discovery leaving the passage of the R.A.F. aircraft to be disputed by their fighters.

In the severe fighting which followed the determination and skill of the R.A.F. personnel, resulting in the destruction of twelve enemy fighters for the loss of seven R.A.F. bombers, demonstrated, as did last Thursday's engagement when five out of 20 Messerschmitts were destroyed at the cost of three R.A.F. machines in a 40-minute fight, the superiority at present held by the Royal Air Force.

King Spends Day With The Navy

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—His Majesty the King spent the day with the Navy, visiting Plymouth Command yesterday and inspecting mine-sweeping trawlers.

He went on board a destroyer which had just returned from a 15-day routine patrol. The King also saw and spoke to fishermen from Newfoundland who had come Britain to join the Royal Navy.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain yesterday morning visited M. Daladier at the War Ministry in Paris, says Reuter.

LULL IN KWANGSI BROKEN: JAPANESE BASE IN SOUTH HUPEH HEAVILY ATTACKED

ON THE KWANGSI FRONT, Dec. 19 (Central)—The lull in Kwangsi was broken yesterday morning by a Chinese attack against the Japanese front lines at Kunlung-kwan, on the Nanning-Pinyang highway.

The Chinese recaptured Kunlungkwan at 11.20 a.m. and in pursuit of the enemy regained Chitung, a point south, at noon. Japanese communication between Wutang and Liutang on the same highway has been severed.

Japanese aircraft which had been inactive for the last few days swung into action again following the Chinese recapture of Kunlungkwan. They reconnoitred and bombed the Chinese positions. Three machines flew to Pinyang where they machine-gunned the peasants working in the fields.

A field dispatch describes the Chinese success at Kunlungkwan as the most important victory since hostilities were started in Kwangsi. The hill-sides are said to be strewn with Japanese dead and arms and ammunition abandoned.

STREET FIGHTING
PINGKIANG, HUNAN, Dec. 19 (Central)—Chinese troops broke into Tungcheng, Japanese base of operations in South Hupeh, through the north gates on Sunday. Street fighting ensued.

GENERAL OFFENSIVE
CHUNGKING, Dec. 19 (Central)—Japanese reports of a Chinese "winter offensive" were denied by a Chinese military spokesman yesterday in an interview with the Central News.

It is, however, recognised that no accurate conclusion on the comparative strengths of fighters and bombers can be obtained until large-scale operations have taken place, although the success so far attending R.A.F. fighters, when driving off enemy bomb raids, may prove in the future to be a link in the certain chain of evidence favourable to the R.A.F.

That the recent loss of German warships has shaken German confidence is to be expected and authoritative London circles believe that the grossly exaggerated claims made by the German Government, which more than reverse the true story of yesterday's air battle, represent an attempt to counteract the impression made on the German public by the loss of the Admiral Graf Spee.

NEVER TOOK PLACE
News of this could not be suppressed or minimised as is the

DUPED BY BRITISH REPORTS

Special to the H.K. Daily Press
LONDON, Dec. 19 (Havas)—Well-informed circles stated today that the German High Command was completely duped by British reports on the concentration of allied ships waiting outside Montevideo harbour for the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

Far from having a formidable fleet of British and French warships, only the original warships which battled with the Graf Spee, H.M.S. Ajax and H.M.S. Achilles, minus H.M.S. Exeter, actually waited for the pocket battleship.

Both these light cruisers had their ammunition supplies practically exhausted so that the Graf Spee, repaired and freshened, could be a match for them.

case in less universally known details. The same interpretation is put to the German story of an air battle off the Sylt yesterday which, in fact, never took place although it is true that unmolested R.A.F. patrols over that and the south Frisian Islands were almost continuously carried out on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of last week.

These patrols, it seems, had the effect of keeping German seaplanes fixed to these bases because, since they began, no enemy seaplane has approached the British coast.

Whatever the future may hold, it is beyond dispute the British sea patrols are gaining valuable experience which will be put to good use.

FRENCH LOAN TO CHINA

PARIS, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—Reports from the Far East of 180,000,000 francs loan to China, for the construction of a railway linking the provinces of Yunnan and Szechuan, are not confirmed in official sources.

N. IRELAND'S PART IN WAR

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—Opening the new session of the Northern Ireland Parliament, the Duke of Abercorn read the King's speech which said: "From the day war was declared, Northern Ireland has given proof of her willingness to play her full part in this great struggle."

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SMALLNESS OF SUBMARINES

The smallness of the submarines H.M.S. Salmon and H.M.S. Ursula can be judged by comparison with the largest submarines in the Royal Navy given below:—

H.M.S. PARTHIAN (5 officers)	1,475 tons and 4-inch gun.
H.M.S. RORQUAL (5 officers)	1,520 tons and 4-inch gun.
H.M.S. SALMON (4 officers)	670 tons and 3-inch gun.
H.M.S. URSULA (3 officers)	540 tons and 3-inch gun.

Submarine's Triumphant Return

AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION

LONDON, Dec. 19 (B.W.S.)—The British submarine which recently sank a U-Boat, sighted the Bremen and torpedoed at least one German cruiser, had an enthusiastic reception on her return to port.

As she entered the harbour, streams entered on every ship present—among them two destroyers of the Polish Navy, which are at present co-operating with the Royal Navy.

MOST EVENTFUL
The patrol from which submarine returned is spoken of in Naval circles as the most eventful which has fallen to any submarine either in this war or the last. Events moved rapidly from the beginning.

The submarine had not long been in her patrol area before she sighted a German U-Boat, of the big ocean-going type, steaming fast on the surface outward bound.

QUICK MANOEUVRE
The British submarine manoeuvred quickly to attack. Torpedoes were fired and in a few minutes there came a shattering explosion.

The wreckage was thrown at least 200 feet into the air. The British submarine made an unsuccessful search for survivors.

MURDERER GRANTED REPRIEVE

It is learned from an official source that Tang Chu, alias Shu Hang-tai, aged 24 years, who was sentenced to death at the Criminal Sessions last month, has been granted a reprieve by the Governor in Council.

Tang, who was defended by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. A. S. K. Lau, was found guilty before the Chief Justice Sir Atholl MacGregor, of the murder of Leung Ki, aged 21, in Chinese Street on September 28, 1939, and the death sentence was passed on November 28.

The trial lasted two days and the prosecution was conducted by Mr. J. B. Prentiss, Assistant Crown Solicitor.

It was the 12th murder trial of the year.

DEATH OF MRS. R. KIPLING

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—The death occurred today of Mrs. Rudyard Kipling, widow of the famous poet.

Mrs. Kipling had not been in good health since her husband's death in 1936. She would have been 74 next month.

YANGTSE DECISION: JAPANESE FEAR IMMINENCE OF ABROGATION OF AMERICAN TRADE TREATY

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—A step in the right direction, but two years late, is the opinion of the American-owned Shanghai Evening Post in a leading article on Japanese preparation for the re-opening of a small section of the Yangtse River.

The paper declares, however, that if foreign shipping is to be handicapped in the area from the boom to Nanking, similarly as has been treated in the delta, then the re-opening does not mean much.

The paper believes that the decision was prompted by the imminence of the abrogation of the American-Japanese Trade Treaty.

The Japanese announcement of "preparations for the gradual and conditional re-opening of the Yangtse, below Nanking, is believed to be couched to indicate that there are fearful difficulties to be faced—pretensions that will receive nothing but mocking laughter from third party shippers who have seen Nippon craft sailing to and from Hankow for a long time."

The Evening Post adds that the Japanese are ingenious and remarking that one of the reasons for delaying the date of the re-opening of the river is that the boom must first be removed, asks: "Have the Japanese ships that have taken commercial cargo up-river in the past two years been solemnly climbing over the boom?"

In conclusion, the paper states that, should the re-opening be but

STREET SLEEPERS TO BE CLEARED

Police patrols in the Central district have been instructed as from today to keep certain areas clear of all street sleepers.

Areas that are to be cleared are Queen's Road Central, between Wellington Street and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; Des Voeux Road Central, between Jubilee Street and the Bank; and Connaught Road Central, between Jubilee Street and Jackson Road.

an empty gesture then it will not have a favourable effect for the Japanese on other nations, but to the contrary.

"To influence America, Japan must throw open the whole of the Yangtse without restrictions and conditions, and quickly."

H.M.S. Exeter's Fight With Graf Spee Described: Heroism Of Wounded

LONDON, DEC. 19 (REUTER)—FURTHER DETAILS OF H.M.S. EXETER'S FIGHT WITH THE GERMAN POCKET BATTLESHIP ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE indicate that the enemy sighted the high mast of the Exeter and opened fire from 121 miles. The Exeter returned the fire. The vessels were steaming parallel.

The first salvo from the Graf Spee's 11-inch guns fell short, the second directly astern, the third and fourth missed, the fifth scored a hit and later there was a direct hit.

The impact of one shell on the Exeter's forward turret killed outright eight of 15 of the crew of marines and made havoc of the bridge immediately above. The captain, in the centre, and one or two survivors were unscathed.

The Exeter closed in receiving three or four more hits from 11-inch shells and, coming under fire of the Graf Spee's 5.9-inch guns, she returned shot for shot till only one of her 8-inch guns could be fired, and that by hand.

STEERING GEAR DAMAGED
The numerous shells which fell alongside riddled the ship's side and upperworks. The steering gear was damaged just after 7 p.m. and for the following 45 minutes the captain steered by boat compass from the after control in the forward main mast.

Through a chain of ten sailors, directions were conveyed from man to the after steering wheel and engine room until the ship was no longer serviceable as a fighting unit and fell out of the action.

Numerous fires broke out but were kept under control by the men throwing the burning material into the sea.

The labours of the engine room staff were incredible. Normally two hours is required to work up to full speed but the impossible was achieved in 20 minutes.

The Graf Spee clearly concentrated in the destruction of the Exeter in the early stages of the engagement.

Of the heroism of the wounded much might be related. One man, with both legs shot off, said, on enquiry, "he was not

Daughter Denounces Father As "Traitor"

CLOSE FOLLOWER OF WANG

KINHWAI, CHEKIANG, Dec. 19 (Central)—Miss Mei Kanwen, daughter of Mei Sze-ping, a close follower of Wang Ching-wei, has severed relations with her father, branding him as "a traitor."

STATEMENT ISSUED

She issued a statement on Dec. 13, the second anniversary of the fall of Nanking, declaring that she wants to eliminate her traitorous father and expressed the hope that the children of all traitors will join hand in an anti-traitor campaign.

She also made a speech at school denouncing her father in bitter terms.

The step-mother of Mei Sze-ping has also announced in the Press her severance of relations with him whom she denounced as "a traitor endangering the State and disgracing the ancestors."

WAITING FOR CRACK GERMAN LINER

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—According to the Miami Herald, British destroyers are waiting off Florida to intercept the crack German liner Columbus (32,000 tons) which sailed on Thursday from Vera Cruz for an unknown destination.

The Kwangtung Provincial Government is bringing the opium suppression project to the second stage whereby eight more hsien, namely, Yingak, Tsingyuan, Fakong, Yuyuan, Jenhua, Lokchong, Lienshan and Yeungshan are to be cleaned up of the evil by the end of next June.

The naval authorities have summoned the captain of the German freighter Tacoma to explain why his ship left and returned to port without permission.

It is believed that the Tacoma will probably be interned.

It will be recalled that the freighter followed the pocket battleship to sea and participated in the rescue of the crew.

Nazi Warships' Hulls Made More Vulnerable By Welding

Special to the Hongkong Daily Press

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Havas)—Naval experts stated that the welding system employed by German dockyards in the construction of warships makes the hulls more vulnerable than if the ordinary rivetting plates were used.

This is shown both in the sinking of the German cruiser belonging to the Koeln class by a single torpedo and in the damage caused to the Graf Spee by the 6-inch shells from H.M.S. Ajax.

By discarding rivets, the Germans made their 10,000-ton pocket battleships lighter by 900 tons. The same type of warship, built by the rivetting system, would displace 10,900 tons.

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In the World of Sports

BATSMEN HAVE FIELD DAY AT KOWLOON

Three Men Top Half-Century Mark: Drawn Game

BY "E. U. ROPES"

There was only the Senior Division game last Saturday, this being the drawn match, at King's Park, between the Club and Kowloon. The match was significant for one thing—the weakness of both teams in the bowling department being very much in evidence.

The visitors had first lease of the wicket and Dr. Lindsay Ride at last really got going and knocked up a pretty 64. After Carey, who had opened with the doctor, was out Alec Pearce settled down almost at once to play carefree cricket to hit up 72 runs and the Club were able to declare at 179 for four wickets.

WILL JACK DEMPSEY COME TO HONGKONG?

WILL JACK DEMPSEY come to Hongkong?

Boxing fans who have been looking forward to seeing the former world heavy-weight champion in the Colony be disappointed to learn that, contrary to expectations, Jack Dempsey did not come by the Pan American China Clipper which arrived at Kai Tak from Manila yesterday evening.

According to information gathered from those who arrived in the giant flying boat, it is reliably learned that Dempsey might still make the trip before returning to the States.

Dempsey left his restaurant in Madison Square, Garden, New York, and went to Manila by Clipper to referee the title fight for the world light-weight championship between Garcia (holder) and Glen Lee. The fight is to take place on Saturday.

A SHORT VISIT

Dempsey had booked his passage to Hongkong, and had his passport visited for a short visit which he intended to make this week, but it is understood that the reception committee in Manila had other plans for him and would not let him go.

The former champion is due to referee another fight in Honolulu on Dec. 26, and if that fight could be postponed (efforts are being made to do so) Dempsey will in all probability visit Hongkong before returning to America. Until something definite is known on this point we can only keep wondering—will Dempsey visit Hongkong?

Brentford's Lucky Equaliser

Brentford 2 Chelsea 2
Jackson, Chelsea's Scottish international reserve keeper, was the sole star in a scrappy game. Yet, strangely enough, he might have saved the shot that gave Brentford their equaliser in the second half. He was hampered by two forwards, and Gorman's 40-yards free kick sailed over his head into the net.

Apart from a few "purple patches" this was a typical take-no-chance "Derby." There was little attempt by either side to produce constructive football, and there was a great deal more feeling than finesse.

GOAL INSPIRATION

Chelsea had the inspiration of a goal in the first ten minutes. Payne rounded off a fine solo effort with an unstoppable shot. After that Brentford peppered Dackson with a barrage of shots. It was all Brentford up to the interval, and Holiday, equalised after a characteristic dash.

Chelsea went ahead again soon after the break, Burgess making no mistake with a penalty kick.

This lead was short-lived, for within a minute Jackson made his only mistake of the match. He may have been impeded, but anyway, Gorman's free kick counted.

There was hardly a single thrill in the rest of the 90 minutes, and it can be said that neither side deserved to win a poor game.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR YEAR

CHARITY MATCH ON JAN. 1, 1940

The following are the remaining soccer fixtures for the year:—

TODAY

Junior Shield Replay
Royal Scots v. 8th R.A. (C. Hill, 2:30; Ref.—Foster).

SATURDAY, DEC. 23

1st Div. (4 p.m.)
Kowloon v. R. Navy (Kowloon, Ref.—Goss; Linesmen—Dove and Demee).

St. Joseph's v. S. China "A" (C. Hill, Ref.—Glover; Linesmen—Edwards and Kent).

Police v. Royal Scots (Boundary Rd., Ref.—Mitchell; Linesmen—Phillips and Sze Po Wai).

2ND DIV. "A"

5th R.A. v. Kit Chee (Sookunpoo, 2:30; Ref.—Hinchliffe).

8th R.A. v. Eastern (Stanley, 4; Ref.—Pearson).

South China v. 30th R.A. (C. Hill, 2:30; Ref.—Silva).

2ND DIV. "B"

University v. Engineers (postponed).

Kowloon v. Kwong Wah (Kowloon, 2:30; Ref.—Ip).

R.A.F. v. Police (Boundary Rd., 2:30; Ref.—Gibson).

Royal Scots v. Signals (Military, 4; Ref.—Smith).

3RD DIV.

R.A.S.C. v. Royal Scots (Sookunpoo, 4; Ref.—Thorley).

R.A.M.C. v. 12th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 2:30; Ref.—Cossy).

Signals v. International (St. Joseph's, 4; Ref.—Harlock).

Engineers v. Kumaons (Chatham Rd., 2:30; Ref.—Ford).

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

1st Div. (4 p.m.)
Kwong Wah v. Eastern (Boundary Rd., Ref.—Clark; Linesmen—Adland and Hobson).

Club v. S. China "B" (Club, Ref.—Omar; Linesmen—Barretto and Carley).

2ND DIV. "A"

Club v. R.A.O.C. (Club, 2:30; Ref.—Banham).

3RD DIV.

Electric v. 24th R.A. (C. Hill, 2:30; Ref.—Lee Bing Tong).

South China v. 5th R.A. (C. Hill, 4; Ref.—Wype).

MONDAY, DEC. 25

Sunday Herald International Charity Cup
China v. Portugal (Sookunpoo, 3:30; Ref.—Mitchell; Linesmen—Minham and Foster).

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

Sunday Herald International Charity Cup
England v. Scotland (Club, 3:30; Ref.—Ip; Linesmen—Silva and Omar).

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

Senior Shield 1st Round (4 p.m.)
Kwong Wah v. South China "A" (Boundary Rd., Ref.—Beard; Linesmen—Ford and Hobson).

South China "B" v. Kowloon (C. Hill, Ref.—Foster; Linesmen—Mitchell and Smith).

Royal Scots v. Club (Sookunpoo, Ref.—Minham; Linesmen—Edwards and Barretto).

JUNIOR SHIELD 1ST ROUND

Royal Scots v. 8th R.A. v. R.A.F. (Sookunpoo, Ref.—Goss).

Police v. South China "B" (Boundary Rd., Ref.—Ip).

24th R.A. v. Kowloon (C. Hill, Ref.—Stokes).

International v. R.A.M.C. (St. Joseph's, 4; Ref.—Hinchliffe).

30th R.A. v. Club (Military, Ref.—Glover).

3RD DIV.

Kumaons v. Royal Scots (Chatham Rd., 3:30; Ref.—Dove).

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

Junior Shield 1st Round
Signals v. Engineers (Sookunpoo, 2:30; Ref.—Clark).

Electric v. S. China "A" (Club, 4; Ref.—Silva).

Eastern v. Kwong Wah (Club, 2:30; Ref.—Omar).

MONDAY, JAN. 1 1940

Charity Match (in aid of B.O.W.F.)
Combined Services v. Rest of Colony (Navy ground, 3:45; Ref.—Beard; Linesmen—Stokes and Ford).

H.K. FOOTBALL REFEREES ASN.

The monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held tomorrow, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. at the Offices of the Hongkong Football Association, Bank of Canton Building, 4th floor, Room No. 55.

The following are amongst the several important items down for discussion:—

(a) To decide the date of the "Referees v. Press" Football Match.

(b) To consider the erection of a club-house.

The primary aim for the erection of a club-house is to have a rendezvous for the convenience of giving lectures on the "Laws of the Game" to football players and fans as a means to improve their feeling and interest on and off the field.

U.S.S. BARKER WIN DUCK PIN MATCH

At the Hongkong Bowling Alleys last night, U. S. S. Barker and U. S. S. Tulsa engaged in a friendly 3-game Duck Pin match, the former winning by 39 pins.

Teams and scores follow:—
U. S. S. Barker—V. P. Beckwith, S. E. Grunuck, L. L. Frederick, R. E. Kelly. Scores, 387, 376, 380. Total 1,143.

U. S. S. Tulsa—H. S. Baker, J. A. Vasko, J. R. Terry, H. Koslosky. Scores, 373, 349, 382. Total 1,104.

SAPPERS BEAT K.I.T.C.

HOCKEY ASSOCN. TOURNAMENT

Royal Engineers beat the Kowloon Tennis Club, conquerors of Nomads, by four goals to one in a Hockey Association Tournament match played at Shokunpoo yesterday.

Both teams turned up short of several of their regulars. K.I.T.C. were without Malik, who has left the Colony for Japan, while Atzal, their left-winger was another absentee. The Engineers missed Denyer and Shaw from their forward line.

The losers were one short throughout the game, while the R.E. lost Marriott, their inside-left, who was injured in the hand by a rising ball late in the first and had to retire.

The Sappers were in excellent form, and good combination among the forwards, backed up by an excellent performance from their centre-half, Sgt. Croston, soon wore down the K.I.T.C. defence.

Man Singh was the losers' only dangerous forward, although Pyara Singh and a newcomer, Gurbachan Singh, were occasionally in the limelight.

HOMBURG SHINES
For Sappers, L/Sgt. Homburg was outstanding, and he scored three of the four goals. Sgt. Croston scored the third goal. The score at half time was 3-0. The goal for K.I.T.C. netted by Man Singh and Pyara Singh.

H.K.R.A. SPOON SHOOT AT NAVAL RIFLE RANGE

Forty-four members attended the Spoon Shoot on the Naval Rifle Range on Stonecutters' Island last Saturday. The light was particularly good, just falling towards the last six hundred yards, and the wind was tricky only at five hundred.

LEADING SCORES

Leading scores were as follows:—
(S.E. 0)
Capt. F.P. Sequeira 31 33 33 97
Mr. W. Trenouth 1 33 33 94
Mr. H. L. Langley 2 28 33 83
Mr. H. G. Foreman 3 31 30 83
Sgt. R. J. Hoag 3 30 32 91
L/Cpl. A. D'Aquino 3 30 32 91
Sgt. G. E. Breese 2 31 31 90
Lt. L. B. Holmes 3 31 31 91
Cpl. V. M. Hammond 1 31 29 91
Mr. J. A. Guard 2 29 31 90
Mr. H. J. S. Blake 3 31 31 90
Mr. A. L. Warburton 2 26 34 90

S.E. (a)

Pte. J. C. Fonseca 11 27 28 31 86
Sgt. M. P. Rushman 7 28 29 29 86
Sgt. J. P. Baleros 5 27 28 27 83
L/Cpl. A. F. Ferreira 9 26 30 27 83
Mrs. S. Croft 3 26 26 23 80
Mr. C. A. Hyett 8 27 28 25 80
L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios 8 31 24 24 79
Cpl. A. F. Ferreira 14 23 24 30 77
Cpl. F. C. Cole 5 25 24 28 77

* Winner of Nett-spoon.
+ Winner of Handicap-spoon.
Winners of * or + will have his handicaps reduced by one point.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Club de Rekreio in friendly cricket matches on Saturday at 2 p.m.:—

1st XI at Club de Rekreio:—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), D. de S. Carey, G. F. Charlton, D. G. Day, A. H. Funnell, J. H. Fox, R. D. Gillespie, M. F. L. Haynes, J. L. Isley, J. L. C. Pearce and L. T. Ride.

2nd XI at H.K.C.C.—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. B. Bishop, H. J. D. Lowe, Brigadier T. Macleod, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, J. E. Potter, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker and T. M. Sutter.

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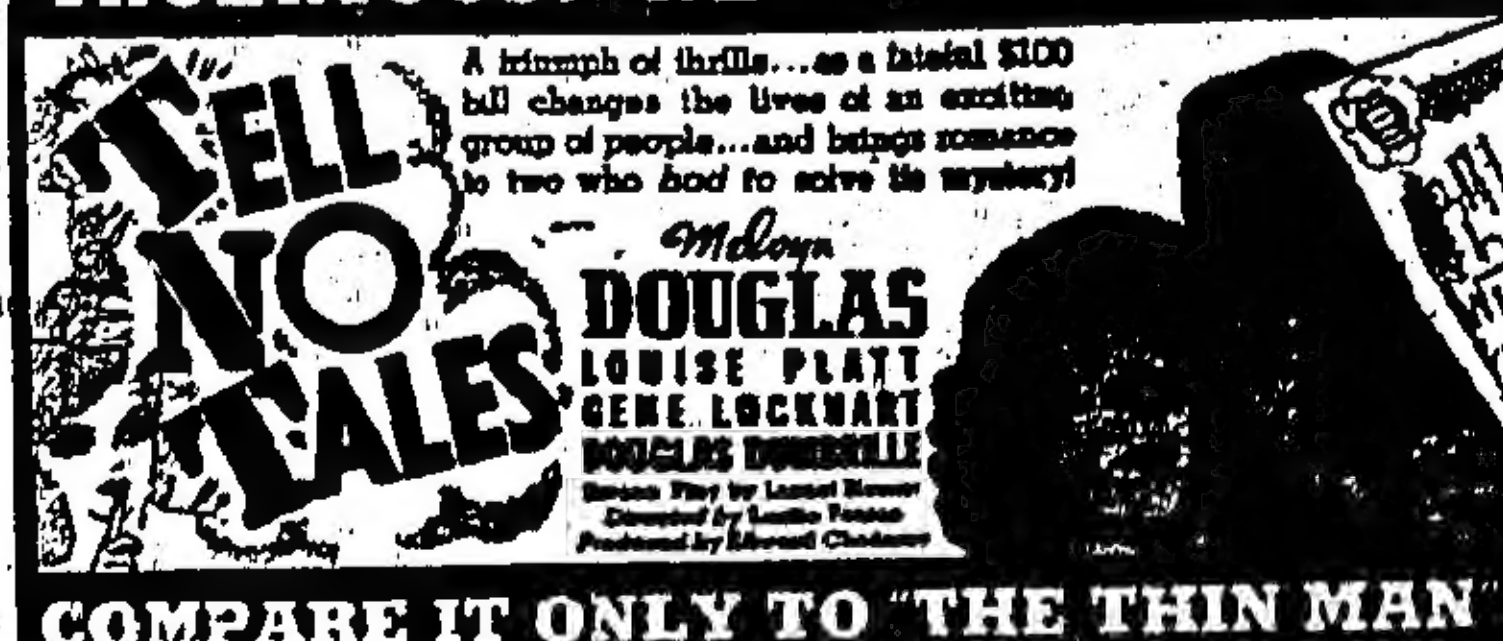
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12.30 Evie Hays (Vocal) and Jack Harris and His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Have You Ever Been In Heaven (film "Manhattan Music Box"); Mama, I Wanna Make Rhythm (film "Manhattan Music Box")—Jack Harris and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—There's A Ranch In The Rockies; Heaven Can Wait—Jack Harris and His Orchestra. My Heart and I (film "Anything Goes"); If You Love Me (Ray Noble)—Evie Hays (Contralto) with Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—I Miss You In The Morning; Fox-Trot—Park Parade (film "Black and Blue")—Jack Harris and His Orchestra. Waltz—One Day When We Were Young—Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Wilfrid Thomas and Others.
Six "Hit" Medley—Intro: Laughing Irish Eyes; Sweetheart Let's Grow Old Together; Riding the Range (in the Sky); Is it true what they say about Dixie? At the Close of a long, long day; At the Cafe Continental—Primo Scala's Accordion Band. A Tea-Time Concert Party (Harrington)—Wilfrid Thomas; Noreena Feist; Emmie Joyce and Cecil Harrington with Orchestra. You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret (Cocomor and Others); In The Mountains of the Moon (Box and Others)—Primo Scala's Accordion Band. Sweethearts (from the film); Wooden Shoes (film "Sweethearts")—Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Schumann—Symphony No. 1 in B Flat Major, Op. 38.
Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Frederick Stock.

2.15 Close down.
6.00 Dance Music.
Slow Fox-Trot—Fanny Serenade; Waltz—Never Break A Promise—Gerald and His Orchestra. Quickstep—Somebody Stole My Gal; Slow Fox-Trot—Ten For Two—Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots in "Drumsticks"; Tangos—Hours and Days; On Wings of Dreams—Eugen Wolf and His Orchestra. Waltz—You Got The Best Of The Bargain; Quickstep—Take A Tip From The Tulp (film "Radio City Revels")—Henry Jacques & His Correct Dance Temp. Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Across The Great Divide; My Heart's In Old Kilmarnock—Maurice Winkler and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Stop! Look and Listen; Yankee Doodle Never Went To Town—Joe Venuti and His Orchestra. Tangos—Tango Espanol; Tango Illusion—Robert Renard Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Day Dreaming (film "Gay Impostors"); A Stranger In Paris (film "Gay Impostors")—Vincent Lopez and His Orchestra. Quickstep—O.O.O.O. O.O.O. O.O.—Harry Roy and His Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—Would You—The Music Makers.

6.58 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.00 London Relay—New Parlour Game "Xmas Shopping".
Members of C. B. Cochran's Revue "Lights Up" v. B.B.C. Repertoire Company. Produced by Neil Munro.
7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Military Band Music.
La Tarantelle De Belphegor (Roch Albert)—The B.B.C. Military Band cond. by B. Walton O'Donnell. Sousa Marches On (Medley of Sousa Marches)—Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
8.15 Studio—A Christmas Party Game.

8.45 Marek Weber and His Orchestra, with Nelson Eddy (Baritone) and Nan Maryska (Soprano).
Viennese Memories of Lehar (arr. Henry Hall)—Marek Weber and His Orchestra. You Are Free (Opera "Apple Blossoms"). When I Grow Too Old To Dream (film "The Night is Young")—Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra. The Hermit (impression from the picture by Arnold Becklin—Clemens Schmalstich)—Marek Weber and His Orchestra. Don't Be Cross (Zeller)—Nightingale Song (Zeller)—Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Orchestra. Footprint of Waltzes (Rohrer)—Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

8.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.
9.20 Selected Piano Solos.
Study In C Sharp Minor, Op. 10, No. 4 (Chopin); Study In C Flat Major, Op. 10, No. 5 (Chopin); Mazurka In C Sharp Minor, Op. 50, No. 3 (Chopin)—Vladimir Horowitz (Piano).
Scenes From Childhood (Schumann)—Yves Nat (Piano).
9.40 Mozart's "Don Giovanni" Act 1.
Glyndebourne Festival Opera Company conducted by Fritz Busch. Singers in order of appearance: Baccanini; Souze; Brownlee; Franklin; Pakaty; Hellegruber; Mildmay and Henderson.

11.00 Close down.

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Full Bulletin 7.30 p.m.
do 8.15 p.m.
do 12.00 mid-night

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Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

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Wednesdays—In England Now 6.45 a.m.
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Thursdays—Matters of Moment 6.45 a.m.
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Now 6.45 a.m.
Saturdays—In England Now 6.45 a.m.
London Log 11.15 p.m.
Sundays—London Log 6.45 a.m.

Himmler Puzzles A Watchmaker

A Dutch watchmaker has discovered yet another weak point in the account of the Munich bomb explosion issued by Himmler.

In a letter to the newspaper Maasbode, he says that he was struck by one little detail in the official report published in the German Press. It mystified him, and probably every other watchmaker who read it.

This was the remark: "Else then set the clock which exploded the time bomb so that it ticked more softly."

"What I want to know," he writes, "is how this man, who was probably not a watchmaker, diminished the ticking sound of the clock."

"This must be an invention which ought to be made known to the world, both in the interests of our profession and as a service to all nervous people who cannot stand the sound of a ticking alarm clock. Who will solve this problem for me?"

Yorkshire Mineworkers' Association decided to press for a bigger wage increase than the national proposal of 1s. a day for adults and 6d. for boys under 18. A Sheffield claim for a further increase will be put before the Yorkshire coal owners.

DECREE NISI FOR WOMAN DOCTOR

Bus Driver Denies Cruelty

Quarrels between a woman doctor and her bus driver husband were referred to by Mr. Justice Henn Collins, in the Divorce Court recently, when he granted a decree nisi, with costs, to Mrs. Dorothy Cochrane Carey, who practises in London as Dr. Dorothy C. Logan.

The husband, Mr. Horace Henry Carey, of High-street, Hythe, Kent, defended the suit, denying allegations of cruelty and desertion. Mr. and Mrs. Carey were married in 1929, and it was stated that after the birth of a daughter they parted in 1930.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Henn Collins said that at the time of the marriage the wife was then 41, and the husband was some eight years younger.

They seemed to have had a very circumscribed intellectual plane on which they could find any common meeting ground, for she was a highly educated woman.

Admittedly, neither party entered upon the marriage with any enthusiasm at all. They never lived together in the sense of making one common home. The husband's vocation kept him in Folkestone. They met only at week-ends, and then apparently in a bathing-hut. The husband said that the child was the bone of contention between them. It was clear that she

COMING EVENTS

DEC.

20—Tides: High 2.11 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Low 9.57 a.m. and 11.46 p.m. Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m. H.K.R.A. Rifle Shoot, 1.45 p.m. Peak School Prize Day, 5.15 p.m. Second and Third Rounds of Ladies Tennis Championships due to be completed.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 8 p.m. Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m. Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute—Invitation Christmas Gala Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Christmas Concert, St. Andrew's, 8.30 p.m.
Lawn Bowls: H.E.'s Team vs Tai Koo Club, Govt. House, 3.15 p.m. Cheero Club, Dance, 8.30 p.m. Kowloon Union Church, Women's Guild, 10 a.m.

S. and S. Home, House Committee Mtg., 5.30 p.m.
Cathedral Women's Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.
St. Andrew's Hall: Exhibition by Ernie Friedlander, 9 a.m.—8 p.m.

Christ Church: Nativity Play Rehearsal, 8.30 p.m.
Kowloon Union Church: Congregational Christmas Party, 8.30 p.m.
21—Tides: High 3.42 a.m. and 5.38 p.m. Low 10.45 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m. Launching at Kowloon Docks, 8 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club Carnival Dance, 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m. "Schools" Physical Training Competition, K.F.C., 9 a.m. Y.M.C.A. Games morning, 10 a.m. Kowloon Tong Garden City Assn. Draw for debenture, 8 p.m.

and S. Home: Servicemen's X-Mas Party, 7.30 p.m.
Cheero Club: Contract Bridge Lessons, 8 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. S. C. Leung on "Recent Developments in China."

Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr. Percy Chubb "The Rebirth of Nations." Ladies Bible Study, 216, Nathan Road, 10.30 a.m.
Women's Fellowship: St. Andrew's Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Cathedral Scouts, Bishop's House, 5.30 p.m.

22—Tides: High 5.38 a.m. and 6.08 p.m. Low 12.46 a.m. and 11.51 p.m. Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m. Sino-British Cultural Assn. Mtg. Speaker: Mr. J. E. Witham "China's Tea Trade."

China Light and Power Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., 12 noon.
Claims against enemy firms (Vincze Singer and Wilhelm Maier and Co.) Schools' Physical Training Competition, H.K.F.C., 9 a.m.; Final at 11.30 a.m.

Cheero Club Christmas Dinner, 7.30 p.m.
Children's Fancy Dress Party, Peninsula Hotel, 4 p.m.—8.30 p.m. H.K. University Congregation, Great Hall, 5.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs' Christmas Party, 5 p.m.
R.E.W.O.'s Mess: Christmas Draw, and Social Wellington Barracks, 7.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.

23—Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m. H.E. and Lady Northcote leave for Fanning Lodge.
24—Christmas Eve.
St. Andrew's Church: Carol Service, 6.15 p.m.

H.K. University, Christmas Carol Concert, Great Hall, 9 p.m.
25—Christmas Day.
St. Andrew's Church: Festival Service, 11 a.m.

International Soccer.
26—Boxing Day.
H.E.O.C.A. Fancy Dress" Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Fanning Hunt and Race Club Meeting at Kwan.
M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

H.K.O.C.C.—Prize-Giving & Children's Sports, 4 p.m.
29—China Light & Power Recreation Club Dance, 9 p.m.
Diocesan Boys' School, Charity Dance, 8.30 p.m.

30—Claims against estate of Leung Chan Tak Yan sue.
31—New Year's Eve.
Rizal Day: Luncheon at Filipino Club, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church: Old Year's Day Services.
Football Shield, First Round.
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m.

did try to exclude him from access to the child.
The wife's case was that after the birth of the child the husband treated her unkindly and with physical violence, so that she went in fear of him.

"SCHEMING OLD REPTILE"
In one letter the husband wrote of her: "behaving like an uncivilized gorilla." He called her a "freakish tramp," a "contemptible old crankpot," a "lazy, scheming old reptile," and said he had asked her to divorce him.

Mrs. Carey alleged, the judge continued, that in April, 1930, her husband assaulted her, and in May he attempted to strangle her.

Mr. Justice Henn Collins referred to other allegations of cruelty against Mr. Carey, all arising from his attempts to see the child.

One incident occurred outside a hospital at Clapton, E. The wife alleged that he banged her against the railings, and there was a struggle in which she was hit. The husband's account was that he caught hold of her hands to obtain information as to the child's whereabouts.

The other camp incident was on June 2, 1935 when Mr. Carey obtained physical possession of the child and the wife struggled to prevent him.

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"SACRIFICES MUST NOT CONTINUE"

JAPANESE PARTY LEADERS WANT PEACE

PEIPING, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—High Japanese officials and prominent members of the Reformed Government, it is understood, were interviewed by three leaders of the Japanese Selyukai Party—Messrs. Fusanosuke Kuhara, Kenkichi Yoshizawa and Kiroku Oruchi—since the Japanese politicians arrived from Hsinking last Friday.

PEACE IN CHINA

According to a Chinese report, the question of obtaining peace in China was discussed. Mr. Kuhara is said to have declared that "the sacrifices of the present incident must not be allowed to continue—they will not only be harmful to China, but also to Japan."

The Japanese Party leaders left this morning for Tientsin.

Martial Law In Hankow

JAPANESE SEARCH FOR TERRORISTS IN FRENCH CONCESSION

HANKOW, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—The Japanese authorities at 4 o'clock this morning informed the French Consular Officials that terrorists had taken up their residence in the French Concession here.

Later, under Japanese direction, four houses were searched by the French Police and ten Chinese detained. The report that pistols and bombs were found is denied by the Police.

CONCESSION CLOSED

The Concession was closed for the day. French and Japanese guards stopping all Chinese from going in or out pending a result of the negotiations now being carried on.

Martial law was imposed throughout the Chinese city, but Japanese sentries were not interfering with foreigners.

Air Raid Alarm In Chungking

62 Japanese Planes

NEIGHBOURING TOWN BOMBED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—For the first time in nearly one month, the air raid alarm was sounded here yesterday morning, when 62 Japanese aircraft headed up the river from Hankow, flying in two groups.

The Japanese bombers were preceded by a lone scouting aeroplane, which crossed the Szechuen border, cruising in the vicinity of Wanshen before returning down the river.

FIRST GROUP

The first group of Japanese bombers passed Yuyang and bombed Laifeng, near the Hupeh-Hunan border, according to Chinese reports.

SECOND GROUP

The second group of 26 Japanese planes entered Szechuen and it is reported that they bombed Liangshan, to the north-east of Chungking and to the west of Wanshen. It is learned that 36 Japanese bombers also attempted to come up the river yesterday morning, but turned back at Shasi in view of the bad weather conditions.

BORDER RAIDED

YUANLING, HUNAN Dec. 19 (Central)—Thirty-six Japanese aircraft staged a terrific air raid over Laifeng and Lungshan, on the Hupeh-Hunan border, yesterday. Some 400 bombs were dumped.

HIGHWAY BOMBED

SHIUNG, KWANGTUNG, Dec. 19 (Central)—Points along the Sunwu-Hokshan highway, south-west of Canton, including Tsiang-ken, Chungling and Sheungha-kao-fungshan, were bombed by six Japanese planes on Saturday. Over 50 bombs were released.

Reduction Of North China Garrison

DURHAMS LEAVE PEIPING FOR H.K.

PEIPING, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—The Durham Light Infantry detachment which has hitherto been carrying out duty as the British Embassy guard, left by train last night en route to Hongkong, leaving one platoon of the East Surreys, roughly 35 men under two officers, to take over their duties.

Their destination after Hongkong is not disclosed.

IN FULL KIT

The Durhams, who are being withdrawn in accordance with the British Government's decision to reduce the North China Garrison, marched in full kit, wearing fur caps and heavy great-coats on account of the cold, through the streets of the Legation quarter to the station, which is outside the quarter.

They were seen off by a large number of foreign diplomatic officials and military officers.

Confession Of Murder In Thailand

INSTIGATION BY JAPANESE ALLEGED

SHIUKWAN, Dec. 19 (Central)—The principals and accomplices in the murder of Mr. Ngai Kwong-yim, well-known Chinese merchant in Thailand, who were arrested recently have confessed that the murder was instigated by Japanese and bogus quarters, according to a report from Bangkok.

FUNERAL SERVICE

A funeral service for the late Mr. Ngai was held at Bangkok on Sunday. Over 9,000 overseas Chinese were present.

Telegrams of condolence were received from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other high Chinese officials.

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- Overdoes affection
- This in wrestling implies freedom from trksome rules
- The very devil
- A catch phrase, "—what?"
- Property which 41 across may lease
- High regard, though the golfing part is no great weight
- Where there's a will there's a way or maybe this
- Upset the ale
- A bit fishy but comes nearer
- Is this row connected with seats in theatre?
- Experience it all again
- Put into bondage
- These two compass points are only half a point
- For this landlord you make one word or less
- Made a waste of money by thrift!

DOWN CLUES

- Son of the soil
- Horror
- Little Laughing Water
- You may get these cards out of case
- An essential weapon in a row?
- The object in claimina
- Target for rain
- Soft
- The end of all excuses
- The splash in the bar
- No, you can't throw one that weighs its middle
- Father's unmistakable in his old check cap at Erith
- Tender affairs
- If Granny were a trier, doubtless she made one
- Singers one gets at once on in tens
- This saw just goes up and down
- Beginning of this gets these wherever she goes
- A bit of a blow for a backward Irishman
- Otherwise eels twisted
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AFRICA THE BEAUTIFUL — THE UNKNOWN

INSTRUCTIVE LANTERN ADDRESS AT HONGKONG ROTARY CLUB

"Africa the Beautiful, the Unknown," was the theme of an interesting and instructive set of lantern slides shown to Hongkong Rotarians at their weekly tiffin meeting yesterday by Dr. G. A. C. Herklots, who explained the pictures in a running commentary.

The pictures, some of which were in colour, were illustrative of the fauna, flora and people of Tanganyika and East Africa and also of some of the well known land marks of that region. Victoria Nyanza and Mount Kilimanjaro were shown, buffaloes near the Zambesi and a wonderfully clear picture of a flight of aegrets taken from an Imperial Airways flying boat.

GOOD PICTURES

The aegrets, Dr. Herklots explained, were the same as those seen in the New Territories at a certain period of the year.

There were also some very good pictures of elephants and buffaloes—all taken from the air from a height of about 200 feet.

There were also pictures of antelopes and lions, and a close-up of a lioness that had killed a baby and the wife of the expedition's cook. The beast was shot by one of the party.

Dr. Herklots also showed the method by which mails were transported by runners through lion-infested country for distances of about 30 miles on stretch. The native runners did not seem to be afraid of the animals.

NATIVE LIFE

On one road through the jungle was a large and ominous sign "Beware of Elephants on this Road" and Dr. Herklots explained the part these great big animals played in the spreading the growth of ginger trees along the roadsides. Several slides were shown of typical East African vegetation and native life.

One picture showed natives wearing red cloths the doctor explained that the cloth was originally white, but had assumed the red colour through contact with the wearers' body. The natives

used a preparation of red earth and oil which they applied to their skins. Through the oil, the colour of the earth was gradually transferred and absorbed by the cloth and eventually the entire material assumed a red colour.

ROTARY CONVENTION

Before the slides were shown, the chairman, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, called upon Rotarian Bishop Ward, who had represented the Hongkong Rotary Club at the International Rotary Convention at Cleveland, to say a few words.

Rotarian Bishop Ward said, "inter alia, that the impression he had gained was that the Rotary movement was not merely a social gathering, such as they had here, but a real and significant movement in many countries of the world. Something is growing from it—good fellowship and comradeship."

Rotarian Bishop Ward referred to his meeting with Mr. Paul Harris, now 70 years old, the founder of the Rotary movement, whom he met at the Cleveland Convention. He also visited the original Rotary Club in Chicago and several other clubs.

SPEAKER THANKED

A vote of thanks was proposed by Rotarian E. J. R. Mitchell, who made brief reference to his days in East Africa during the last war. He also thanks the University for the loan of the their best projector for the showing of the slides and Pan-American Airways for the loan of the screen.

The visiting Rotarians were Mr. D. F. Meyers (Chungking), Mr. J. Wierink (Canton), and Mr. Ralph A. Ward (Chengtu), while the guests were Messrs. K. H. Lim, E. S. Abraham, R. C. Stewart, M. Azollini, Z. On (Shanghai), R. V. Lederhofer, C. F. Marshall, W. D. Murray, Paul Annis and Capt. Thursby.

DARDANUS ARRIVING TODAY

Imperial Airways' R.M.A. Dardanus, under the command of Captain J. N. Wilson, is reported to be arriving at Kai Tak today from Port Bayard.

The plane during the past four days has been undergoing repairs in the French port, necessitated by damage sustained when it was forced down by Japanese over Wei-chow Island last month.

Later the plane will be flown to Singapore for a usual quarterly overhaul.

MAYCOCK - LAING WEDDING AT REGISTRY

Miss Eva Helena Laing, daughter of Mr. E. K. Laing and sister of Dr. Douglas Laing, became the bride yesterday of Mr. William George Maycock, partner of Messrs. A. Dransfield and Company.

The ceremony took place at the Registry, Supreme Court. Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated, the witnesses being the bride's father and Mr. J. H. Maycock, brother of the groom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Dr. Wong Hok-nin, of the Medical Department, and Miss Ann Beatrice Tse, daughter of Mr. Tse Ka-po, residing at No. 3 Kotewall Road;

Pte. Arthur Charles Thomas Williams, of the Army Medical Store, Mataukok, and Miss Cecilia Dolores Loring, shop assistant, residing at No. 520, Nathan Road, first floor.

Charged with having attempted to obtain \$130 from a woman, named Tse Yum-sang, 31, at 133, Changsawan Road, 2nd floor, on Dec. 17, two men, Wong Sang, 40, and Li Kam-lam, 23, appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday when they were remanded 24 hours in custody.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mrs. D. J. Sloss Made President

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Horticultural Society was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. yesterday afternoon, Lady Northcote presiding.

The report and accounts were accepted after which Mrs. D. J. Sloss was elected President.

NEW COMMITTEE

The new Committee is as follows:—Lady Northcote, Mrs. A. E. Grasset, Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., Mrs. F. C. Hall, Mrs. R. E. Hoare, Mr. F. Phippance, Mr. J. F. Grose, Dr. G. A. C. Herklots, Mr. V. H. C. Jarrett, Mr. M. W. Lo, Mr. J. P. Robinson and Mr. G. N. Tinson, M. C.

Mr. J. T. Bagram and Mr. Andrew Tse were re-elected Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, respectively.

THE ATTENDANCE

Present at the meeting were Lady Northcote, members of the Committee, and Mrs. Danby, Mrs. Huston, Mrs. Sloss, Mrs. L. Weill and Mr. M. P. Talati.

The annual Flower Show will be held on March 7 and 8.

DOCTOR FINED

Mr. W. O'Neill, Manager of Reuters Limited, appeared as complainant at Kowloon Court yesterday before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen when Dr. Lo Chi-fai, of Nathan Road, was summoned at his instance for driving without due care and caution.

Traffic Sergeant J. Scrim said that at 8.55 p.m. on Nov. 29 Mr. O'Neill was driving along Nathan Road towards Star Ferry. At the junction of Nullah Road, Mr. O'Neill saw Dr. Lo suddenly cut in in front of him.

He had to apply both brakes immediately to avoid a collision. Dr. Lo was alleged to have driven at between 15 and 18 m.p.h. when turning out from Nullah Road.

A fine of \$10 was imposed. CAUTIONED Mr. E. Christensen, of Kimberley Villas, was cautioned for driving with one front light in Nathan Road at 6.45 p.m. on Nov. 28.

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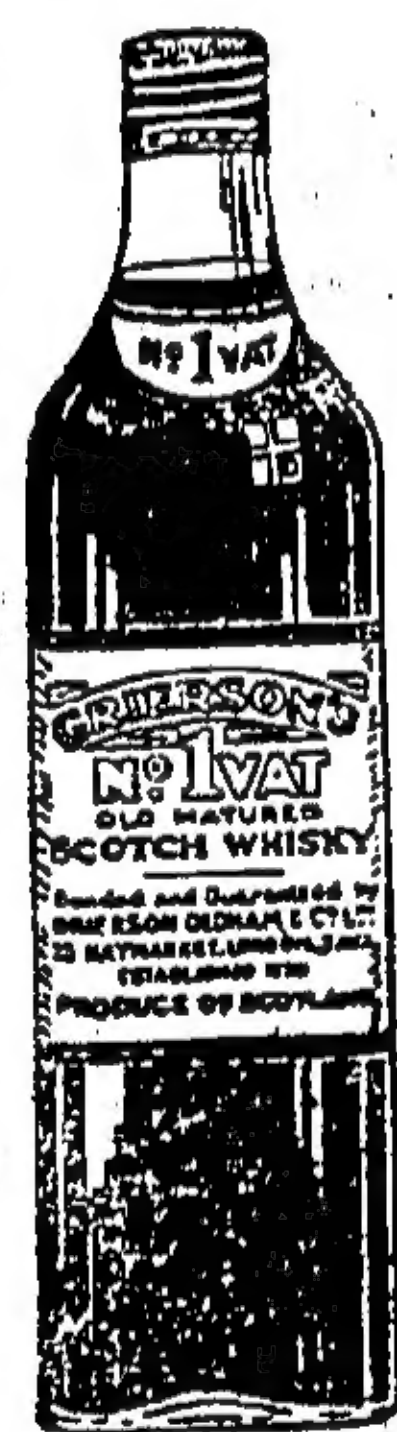
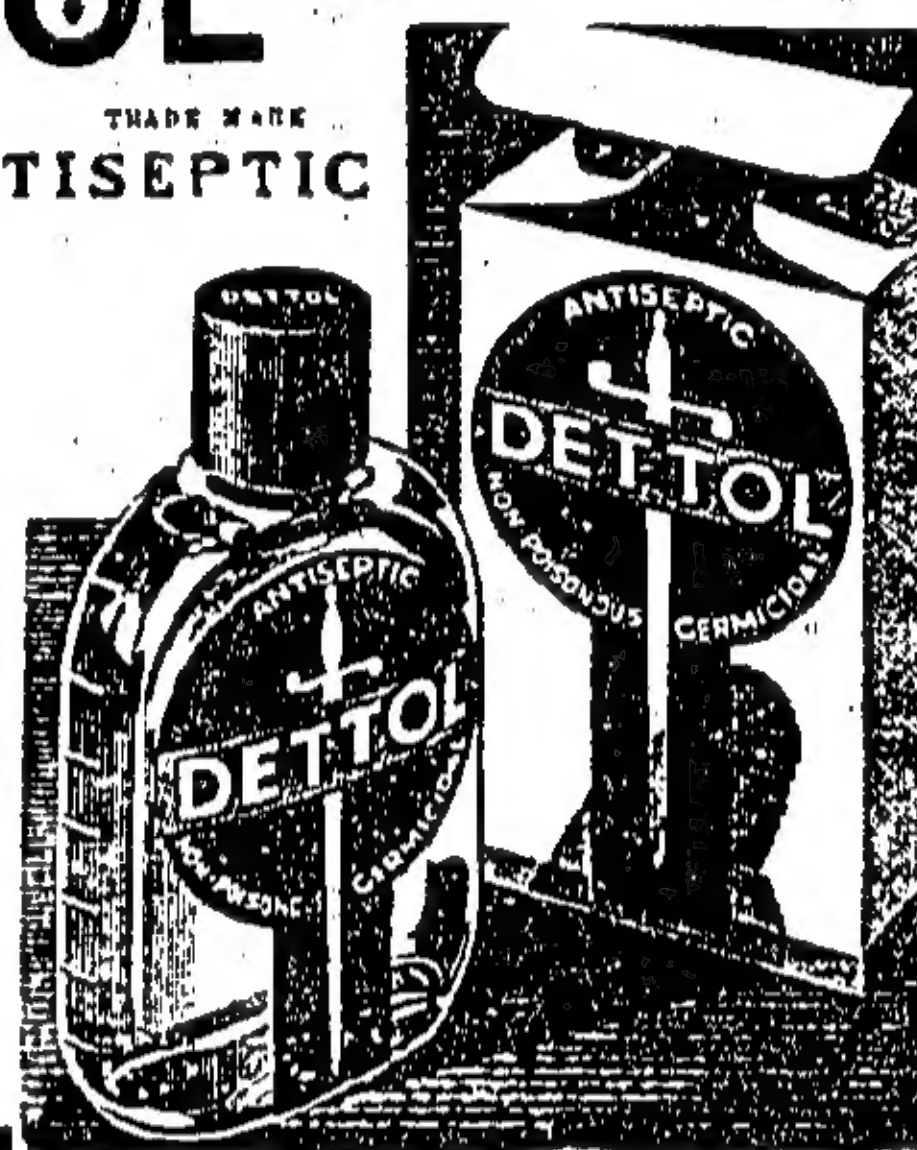
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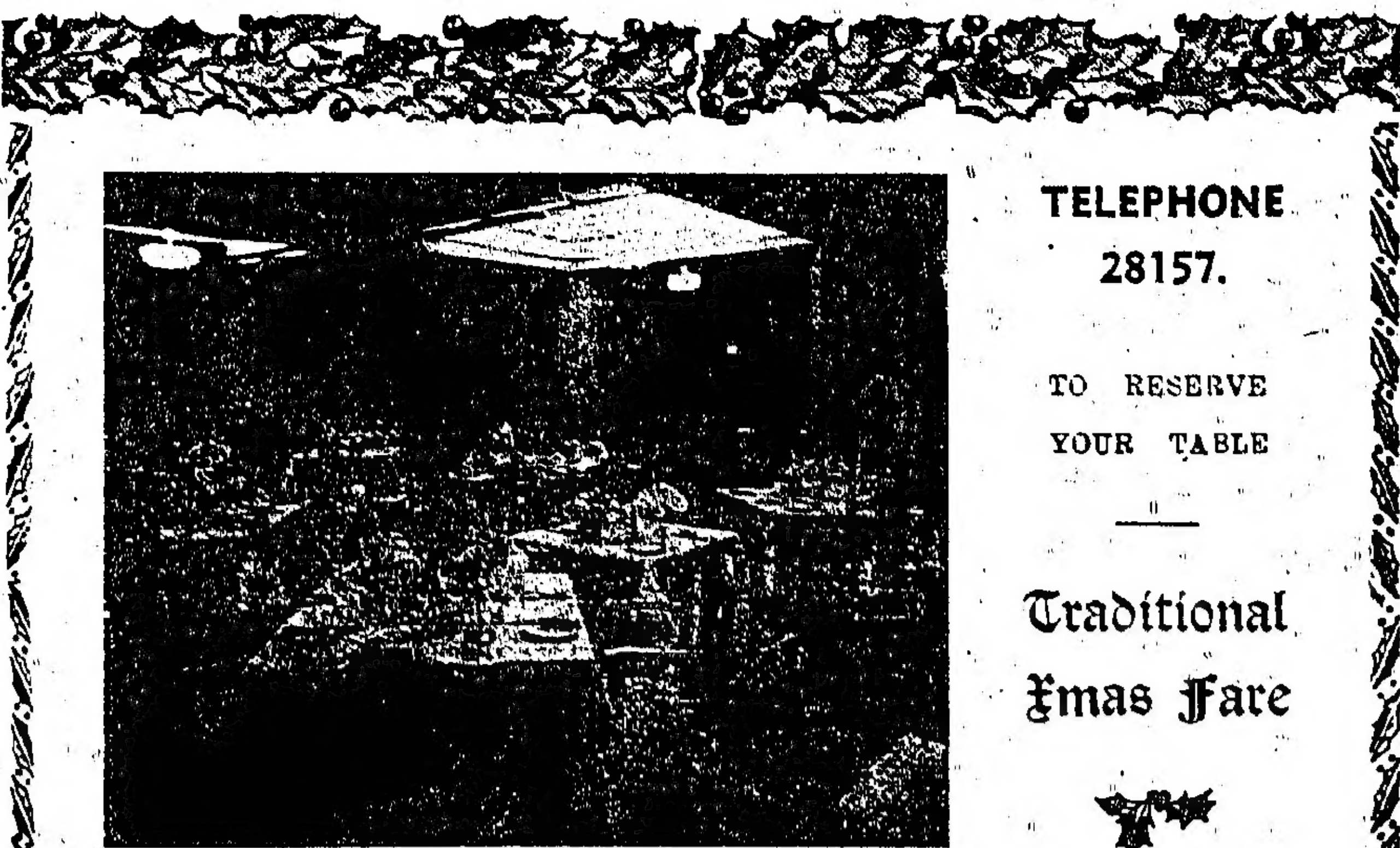
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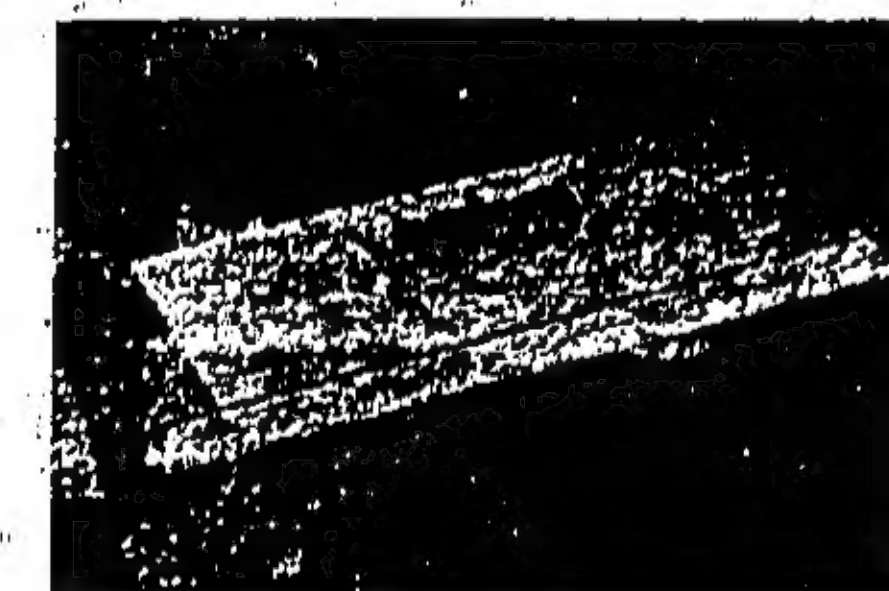
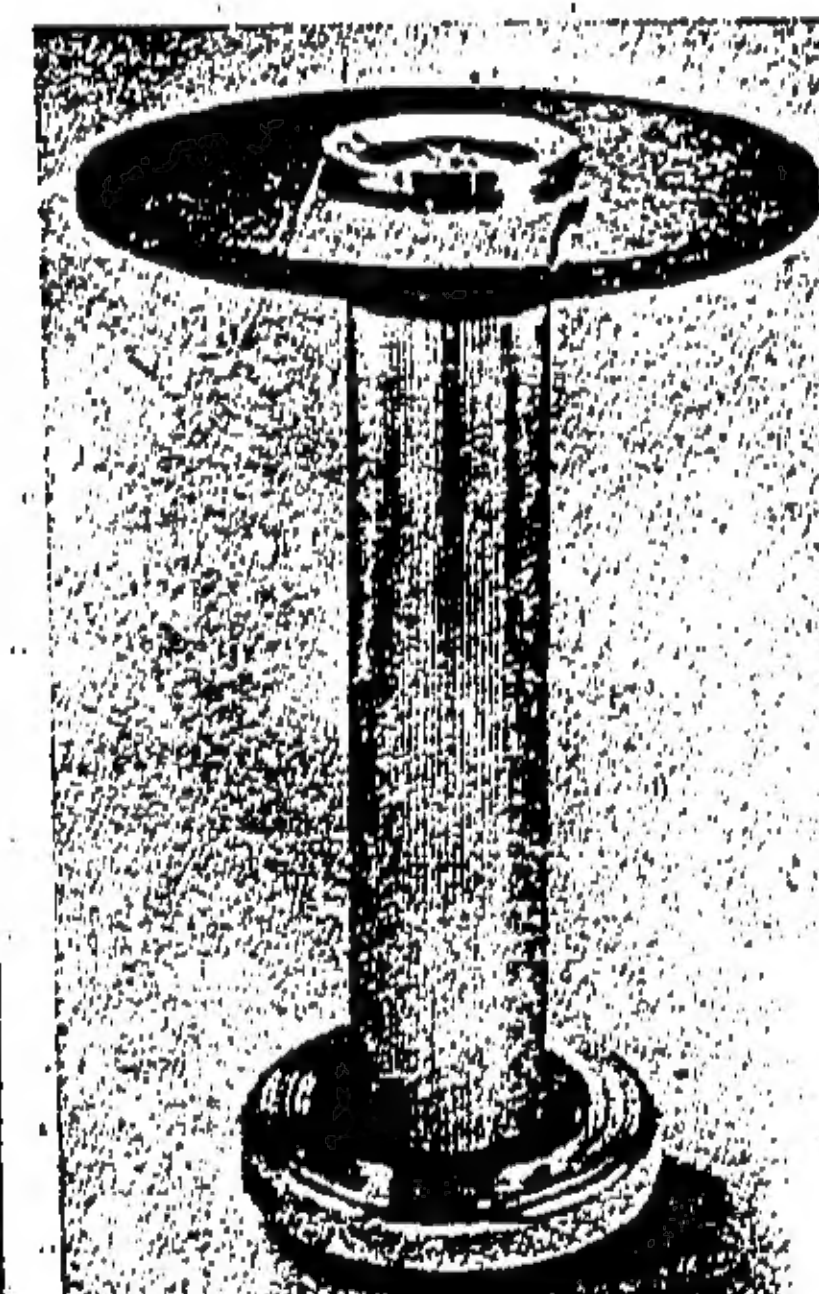
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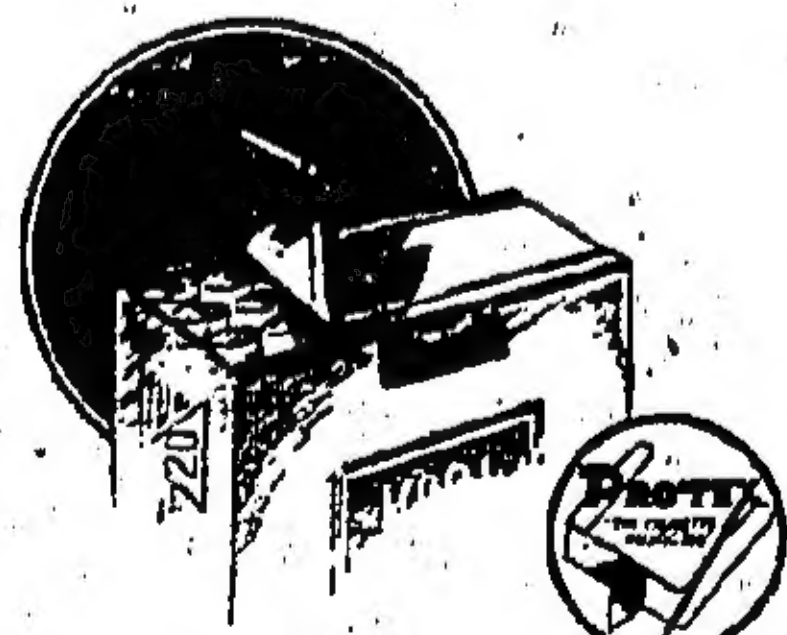
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HOW ALLIES
WILL PAY U.S.(National City Bank
Bulletin)

THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS of the war upon American trade with belligerent countries, and the means by which they will make payment for purchases, are important questions to which only approximate or tentative answers can be given at present.

DURING THE LAST WAR, a substantial share of American net exports were financed by European government loans sold to the American public and by credits extended by American banks. After entry into the war in April 1917, the United States Government made large direct loans to the Allied Powers. At the present time, however, these sources of credit have been eliminated by the Johnson Act of 1934 and the Neutrality Act of 1937.

TABLES PREPARED by the Institute for International Finance of New York University, show that during the period 1914-17 practically one-third of the sum due the United States from the Allies and neutrals in settlement of the export surplus in American merchandise trade with them was financed by loans contracted in the United States. Approximately 40 per cent. was paid for by the resale of American securities, about 15 per cent. by not gold shipments and the remainder by various services.

THE PROBLEM of chief interest at present narrows down to how Great Britain and France will finance U.S. imports, inasmuch as American trade with Germany has been practically shut off by the Allies' control of the sea.

IN PEACE TIME, both Great Britain and France paid for their excess of imports by tourist trade, shipping and other services. About one-half of U.S. 1937 merchandise trade surplus with the United Kingdom totalling \$300,000,000 was settled by invisible items, of which tourist expenditures and shipping commissions contributed about \$70,000,000.

INASMUCH as the war will both handicap the rendering of various services by the British and restrict their merchandise exports, it seems likely that credits accruing to U.S. in their balance of payments with the United Kingdom may be considerably greater than in peacetime. On the other hand, the imposition of import regulations, greater reliance upon Empire resources and rigid restrictions upon capital movements will tend to reduce the pressure upon the exchanges, and there is a possibility that the Crown Colonies and the Dominions may earn more dollars through increased sales of raw materials to U.S. at higher prices.

RESOURCES most readily available for use in the U.S. market are of four principal kinds: (1) gold; (2) bank balances and short term investments in the United States; (3) negotiable dollar securities; and (4) direct investments (business participations) here. The liquidation of which, however, is often difficult.

THE PRE-WAR GOLD STOCK of Great Britain consisted of \$195,000,000 in the Bank of England and some \$600,000,000 divided about evenly between private bank and circulation. The

JUNK ROBBERY
RECALLED AT
SESSIONSThree Men Given
Prison Terms

Charged before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions yesterday with robbing a junk off Cheungshawan, two of four men, LO YEE and PO KAN pleaded not guilty. The other two were PO SO and PO FUN. Lo Yee was discharged owing to lack of evidence.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said a junk approached trading junk No. 515Y off Cheungshawan about 8 p.m. on October 19, which carried a variety of goods. Three men boarded the latter craft and took away various articles, including quantities of salt, cloth towels, tooth brushes and 122 tubes of Government opium. Two men who remained on board the robbers' junk were seen to be armed.

RIFLES FOUND
After reporting to the police at Lu Ku Tan, the master of the victimised vessel accompanied Sgt. Davies to Castle Peak and found the four accused on board a junk. On a search being made, two rifles were found on board.

The jury, without retiring, found defendants guilty.

PO SO was sentenced to four years' hard labour, while PO FUN received three years and PO KAN two years' imprisonment.

French stock included \$783,000,000 in the Bank of France and nearly \$1,000,000,000 in private banks and in the hands of the public. After the outbreak of war, both the British and French Governments endeavoured to draw all the gold into their central banks, but the efforts in Great Britain were more successful in this respect than in France, where only about one-half was given up by the public.

AT THE OUTBREAK of the present war, substantial amounts of gold were held privately in London, estimated at about \$1,500,000,000 in September 1938, but believed to have been reduced by about four-fifths since then.

ESTIMATES OF THE GOLD held at present by the Bank of England and the Equalization Fund are rough approximations at best. Latest official figures placed the gold in the Fund at \$1,732,000,000 in March 1939. An average of private estimates places the gold holdings of the Fund at the outbreak of the war at somewhat above \$1,000,000,000, when \$1,162,000,000 was transferred to it from the Bank of England.

IT WOULD APPEAR, therefore, on the basis of the above estimates that the Anglo-French gold and dollar assets at the outbreak of the new European war were somewhat in excess of those in 1914. Moreover, they were in a form much more readily available. Their gold assets, alone are twice as large as in 1914 and are now concentrated in central banks, whereas in 1914 over 60 per cent. of their gold was in circulation.

WHILE THE ANGLO-FRENCH HOLDINGS of negotiable dollar securities are much less than at the outbreak of the last war, the technique for their mobilization for the financing of trade and the support of exchange is much better developed.

Steps to marshal bank balances and negotiable dollar securities were taken several months ago. In the last war, such steps were not taken until 1915, when the British Government invited the sale to itself of American securities owned by British investors, and two years later made such sale compulsory.

IN ADDITION to the gold and dollar assets of Great Britain and France, consideration may well be given to their extensive investments in the Dominions and Colonies. These include numerous Canadian securities, Rhodesian copper shares, Rand mining share and large British investments in neutral countries such as South America, many of which doubtless could be sold in the



The entire cast in the finale of the pantomime "Ali Baba" which the Y.M.C.A. A.D.C. will present at the European Y.M.C.A. this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The producer is Major W. de B. Wood.

CANADIAN TROOPS GET
ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME
IN BRITAINMESSAGE FROM
THE KING

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—The Canadian Expeditionary Force was given a most enthusiastic welcome when they streamed ashore in thousands on Sunday at a port in Britain from great liners guarded by a formidable squadron of the Navy, while aeroplanes patrolled overhead guarding against a surprise raid.

MOSTLY YOUNGSTERS
The troops represented every part of Canada and included some Americans, Red Indians and coloured men.

Many had served in the last war, but the majority were youngsters.

The troops were drawn up on the pier and heard the G.O.C. read a message of welcome from the King who said:

"The British Army will be proud to have, as comrades in arms, the successors of those who came from Canada in the Great War and who fought with a heroism that will never be forgotten."

MR. EDEN'S WELCOME
The troops doffed their caps and cheered.

Mr. Anthony Eden then welcomed the Canadians and said the British people would never forget this great act of co-operation.

"The task before us may be long—it certainly will be tough, but in the assurance of the peoples of the British Commonwealth in the certainty of final victory."

C-IN-C'S REPLY
The Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Force, Major-General A. G. McNaughton, replied, expressing their gratitude to the King and to Mr. Eden and also to the Navy for their splendid safeguarding of the troops across the Atlantic.

The troops then entrained for camp in a distant part of Britain.

COMMITTED TO
SESSIONS

A member of the Hunghom Peace Preservation Corps, Man Pong, 23, was committed to the Criminal Session from Kowloon Court yesterday on a charge of robbery following lower court proceedings before Mr. E. Himsforth.

It is alleged defendant robbed a man named Tsun Wing, in a latrine in Matawei Road, of \$2.07 in money and a suit of clothing.

Giving evidence in his own defence, Man Pong told the Court he had noted Tsun was in the habit of peeping at women in the latrine, and he had struck him for it. Tsun left the latrine in a hurry, and left behind his suit with the money in it which defendant said, he thus picked up.

New York market for dollars. British investments in Canada have been estimated at about \$2,500,000,000, in South Africa at \$1,250,000,000 and in Argentina at \$2,200,000,000. Just how large a portion of these securities the British Government would be willing to transfer to other countries is, of course, uncertain.

FINALLY, it should be pointed out that an important continuous source of dollar exchange available to the Allied powers lies in their new production of gold. Approximately \$730,000,000 or nearly two thirds of the world output of gold (outside of Russia), was produced within the British and French Empires in 1938, whereas in 1914 their annual production was but \$260,000,000.

New Concern
To Develop
Sikang

Large-scale development of Sikang, rich but untapped province in China's "Wild West" will begin when the Hsing Si Industrial Corporation, now under organisation by prominent overseas Chinese, formally comes into being.

This was revealed by Mr. Li Hwa-chow, young overseas Chinese scientist and industrialist and chairman of the projected concern's preparatory committee, at a press reception at the St. Francis Hotel on Monday.

The corporation, whose promoters are Mr. Liang Han-tsoo, secretary-general of the Legislative Yuan, Mr. Chow Chi-kang, deputy director of the Overseas Board of the Central Party Headquarters, Mr. Chow Yung-neng, director of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, and others, has \$3,000,000 capital which has been fully paid up.

It is planned that \$1,000,000 will be used for mining, \$1,000,000 for banking, \$500,000 for factories, \$100,000 each for transportation services and department stores, \$10,000 for hotel business and the remainder as operating capital.

A hotel has been established in Sikang, in southwest Szechwan, to accommodate those going to the West. Concrete steps are being taken to establish a bank and a hospital there, says Central News.

BUS CRASH
SEQUELKowloon Driver
Fined \$75

A fine of \$75 was imposed by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Court yesterday on Ng Yeung, 26, bus driver involved in the accident with a rickshaw in Salisbury Road on November 9 near the Children's Playground in which Mrs. Krishna, of Hart Road, was badly injured.

Defendant was summoned on two counts, one of driving without due care and caution and another of passing a vehicle to the left side of the road. It was alleged he had run into the rickshaw while travelling at a speed of about 25 miles per hour.

Among the witnesses heard yesterday was Mrs. Krishna, who said that the bus had struck the back of the rickshaw. She was detained a month in hospital with a broken arm and other injuries.

Alleged Acceptance
Of Bribe

Charged with having accepted bribes from two interviewees at Matauchung Camp, an Indian constable, Gullam Hussain, P.O.B. 60, aged 28 years, appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth, at the Kowloon Court yesterday, when he was remanded a week in custody.

Defendant is charged with having accepted a bribe of \$15 from an interviewee, named Ko Kwok-kong, on Nov. 16, and further with having accepted a bribe of \$9 from an interviewee, named Yeung Wah-leung.

Ma Lai, a woman, who was found guilty with three men on Monday at the Criminal Sessions of possession of heroin pills, and who pleaded that she was only the cook, was sentenced yesterday by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell to six months' hard labour.

Graf Spee Must Have Been
More Seriously Damaged

LONDON, DEC. 19 (REUTER)—BY RUNNING TO SHELTER, THE GRAF SPEE SHOWED THAT SHE WAS MORE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED THAN APPEARED ON THE SURFACE, SAID THE NAVAL OBSERVER OF THE B.B.C. IN A TALK FROM DAVENTRY LAST NIGHT.

She was probably badly damaged inside something like a men, who suffers an internal wound in an automobile accident and who dies a few days later after outwardly appearing to be recovering.

One cannot say that this was the case for certain, but there seems to be no other logical reason for the scuttling of the pocket-battleship without even an attempt at putting up a fight.

PRUSSIAN IDEAL

The Prussian ideal has always been that an officer only surrendered to the enemy if out-maneuvred and in no position to damage the enemy without a fight for it.

The pocket-battleship is a curious graft and in its way a marvellous piece of mechanism, the Observer went on. She carries armaments, crew and provisions that should rightly be carried only by ships twice her displacement.

But sacrifices must be made somewhere and in a pocket-battleship, weight is sacrificed. The inside of a normal warship is built to stand stresses and strains, not only of weather and armament, but also of being hit by shells. The Graf Spee had to sacrifice this.

CRUISERS' FEAT

Speaking of the feat of the two six-inch gun cruisers in attacking a eleven-inch gun pocket-battleship, the B.B.C. Observer pointed out that not only did they engage the Graf Spee, but defeated her. Far from being beaten off by her heavier guns, the two cruisers chased the Graf Spee for hours.

That phase of the battle will go down in history. It was a superb example of the use of tactics and superior speed.

The British cruisers attacked the German ship from two separate directions, so that she had to disperse her fire and was unable to concentrate an entire broadside on any one of them.

CHINA WAR
NEWS

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A Japanese caravan of over 80 motor cars and lorries moving westward from Yunglungsho, on the east bank of the Han River, was intercepted at Luchialach, north-west of Yunglungsho, on Sunday. More than 30 of the lorries were damaged. The Japanese returned to Yunglungsho.

Some 200 Japanese around Chuankowlien, south of Yingshan, were completely wiped out in an engagement on Sunday.

CHINESE PRESSURE
CHANGSHA, Dec. 19 (Central)—Japanese reinforcement rushed toward Yoyang (Yochow) in North Hunan to relieve the Chinese pressure there are reported to have intercepted between Chaohikiao and Yanglowtung on the Canton-Hankow Railway, respectively 45 and 38 miles north-east of Yoyang.

A railway bridge north-east of Yoyang was dynamited by the Chinese.

The Chinese who recaptured Walpai, 30 miles north-east of Yoyang, are pushing toward Lin-siang, 29 miles north-east of Yoyang.

The Japanese aerodrome at Feti-10, 15 miles north of Yoyang across the Yangtze River, was again raided by Chinese a few days ago. Many Japanese guards were killed.

KAIKING CITY

LOYANG, Dec. 19 (Central)—Up to a late hour last night, Chinese forces which succeeded in piercing into Kaifeng, capital of Honan, early Sunday morning were still locked in a grim street fight with the Japanese, according to military despatches.

The Lowang railway station, east of Kaifeng, has been recovered by the Chinese in a surprise raid. The rails and a bridge there have been destroyed.

SOUTH-EAST SHANSI

HINGSI, SHENXI, Dec. 19 (Central)—The Japanese have launched another "mopping up" campaign in South-East Shansi, following their recent failure in a similar drive in South Shansi.

Fighting is reported to be in progress in the Tsinhsien-Wang area, where between 2,000 and 3,000 Japanese have started an eastward drive.

A Japanese northward push from Licheng, east of Shansyuan, has been repulsed.

In South-West Shansi, about 2,000 Japanese driving westward from Fengcheng are battling with

CATHEDRAL
MEMORIAL
SERVICEOFFICERS AND MEN
OF DUCHESS

A solemn memorial service was held in St. John's Cathedral at 11 a.m. yesterday in commemoration of Lt.-Comdr. R. C. M. White, R.N., and the officers and men of H.M.S. Duchess (formerly of the China Station) which sank in the North Sea recently with the loss of 129 lives, including six officers.

Following are the names of the missing officers: They are believed to be drowned:—Gunner (T) P. H. Gordon, Probationary Midshipman O. L. Kretschmer, Lieutenants G. W. Murray, J. M. L. Scholfield and (E) O. P. Tilden and Lieut.-Commander R. C. White.

Before the service began wreaths were placed on the altar and immediately after Chopin's Dead March was played with the congregation standing.

The prayers were said by the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson and the blessing was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Edwards, of the Seamen's Institute who, with a Chaplain from one of the warships in harbour, assisted in the service. The lesson was read by H. E. the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Percy Noble.

THE LAST POST
At the end of the service the Last Post and the Reveille was sounded by three buglers of the Royal Marines. The National Anthem was then sung, after which the wreaths were solemnly taken off the altar and placed on the War Memorial outside the Church.

His Excellency the Governor was represented by Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C. while the G.O.C., H.E. Major General A. E. Grassi, was represented by Brigadier A. B. Thomson, Commodore A. M. Peters and Mrs. Peters and Lady Noble were among the large gathering present, mainly of Naval personalities.

Wreaths were laid from the "Commander-in-Chief and Staff, China Station," "Officers and Men, China Station," "Captain and Officers, H.M.S. Thanet," "Ship's Company, H.M.S. Thanet."

the Chinese at the hilly regions west of Fengcheng.

Sporadic fighting continues to rage in the vicinity of Hsianghsien, in South Shansi.

FIGHTING CONTINUES

TUNGSIANG, KIANGSI, Dec. 19 (Central)—Fighting continues unabated around Nanchang. Lung-changchiao, south-east of the city, has changed hands several times. At least 500 Japanese casualties have been inflicted at this point alone.

Tatangwu and Liuchwang, two points east of Nanchang, have been wrested back by the Chinese.

Lohwa, nine miles north of Nanchang, on the Nanchang-Kiukiang Railway, has also been recaptured and the railway between Lohwa and Tzeku has been severely damaged.

Heavy pressure is exerted by the Chinese upon the Japanese troops on the west bank of the Fu River flowing south of Nanchang. In a surprise raid in the wee hours of Sunday the Japanese at Wuyang Ferry suffered heavily.

A heavy engagement occurred at Changkungtu on the north bank of the Siu River, 32 miles north of Nanchang, on Saturday. Changkungtu was recaptured by the Chinese the following morning. The bridge and Japanese supply depots there were destroyed.

CHINESE GAINS

SOMEWHERE IN WEST SUI-YUAN, Dec. 19 (Central)—In a lightning attack Chinese units regained the Maitachao station on the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway between Kweisi and Saratai on Sunday. A section of the railway has been dynamited.

STRATEGIC PASS

KWEILIN, Dec. 19 (Int'l)—The recapture of Kumlunkwan, mountain fastness, north-east of Nanchang, and Kiutang to the south-west, confirmed the report that Chinese mechanized units have arrived at that point and are converging south of that strategic pass.

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Mushroom Gravy
String Beans
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Chocolate Cake
Coffee

A married woman, Wong Yuk-hing, 50, and a Chinese doctor, Chung Sing-sam, 55, appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth, at the Kowloon Court yesterday, on a charge of having administered poison or noxious things to procure an abortion for a woman, named Cheung Lai-ying, on some date or dates between Dec. 1 and Dec. 17. Det-Insp. A. E. Carey prosecuted. Defendants were remanded one week.

A sum of \$9,000 has been presented from Canada to help the Finns and since their greatest need is for ambulances, four are shortly being sent from Britain and will be the first to reach Finland from abroad. Of this sum, the Canadian Red Cross has contributed \$5,000 and the rest has been sent by Finns in Canada.—(BWS).

The Agricultural Wages Board has raised the minimum wage for Shropshire farm workers by 1s. to 35s. a week of 54 hours, and that of men working on afforestation schemes in Glamorgan by 2s. to 42s. a week.

FIERCE BATTLE RAGING ON NORWEGIAN - FINNISH BORDER

Russians Claim Big Advance

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—On the Norwegian-Finnish frontier a fierce battle has been raging all last night south of Kuusjærvi and is still progressing. Soviet troops have now occupied a great part of the Finnish territory along the Norwegian frontier, although they sustained heavy losses. These losses are unlikely to have a serious effect upon their ability to retain their new positions, owing to the large forces at their disposal.

They have been steadily pressing to the south since Friday.

Fifty Finnish soldiers crossed the frontier at the weekend and they stated that the Finnish detachments had taken heavy toll of the enemy. At one point they claimed that no less than 700 Russians were taken completely by surprise and wiped out with small field guns and machine-guns.

RUSSIANS SUCCESSFUL
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Pushing across Central Finland in an attempt to cut the country in two, the Russians are reported to have been successful at Salla, just north of the "wasp waist" in the drive against Kemijärvi some 60 miles further west.

If the report is true, Finnish troops are in danger of being cut off from supplies in the south. On the Petsamo front, the Finnish position is reported to be more than dangerous.

Russian victory in the reported battle south of Petsamo and a Russian drive towards Pitkajärvi are claimed in a Soviet communiqué and confirmed here.

Three Russian regiments are reported to have been destroyed by the Finns at Suomussalmi. The Finns are holding their own to the south of Lake Ladoga.

SEVERE MEASURES
LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—According to the French Wireless, the Chief Political Commissar and Chief of the OGPU left Moscow for the Finnish front to investigate the recent cases of disaffection among Russian troops.

The Kremlin is said to be most dissatisfied with the conduct of the Finnish campaign and it is expected that severe measures will be taken against Russian commanders at the front.

TWO CLAIMS
A Helsinki communiqué states that altogether 212 enemy tanks have been destroyed.

A Moscow communiqué claims that Red Army troops occupied the town of Pitkajärvi.

A PROMISE
LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Information from Moscow states that the new Red Army leaders have promised the Kremlin that Finland will be "cleaned-up" by February.

As a result of the unexpectedly strong Finnish resistance, it is stated that the OGPU have started a purge of Soviet officers serving in Finland.

Russian Troops With Small-Pox OUTBREAK IN FINLAND

HELSINKI, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Small-pox has broken out among the Russian Army in Finland. Reports reaching here state that the outbreak is spreading rapidly and has already reached the proportions of an epidemic.

A further 2,000 men from Moscow have been brought up to reinforce the Russian troops in Finland.

SOUTHWARD MARCH
LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A message from the Norwegian-Finnish frontier states that piercing Finland from the extreme north, Red Army troops have turned the Finnish defence line south of Salmijärvi and continued to march southward.

They are now over 60 miles from Petsamo and have apparently occupied hundreds of miles of territory along the Norwegian border. Finnish troops are retreating in good order, probably on a pre-arranged plan, while small detachments of troops are carrying on guerrilla warfare behind the Russian lines.

Disquiet In Luxembourg

BRUSSELS, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The new measures which have been taken in Luxembourg are having a somewhat disquieting effect on the population, according to reports received in Belgium.

Police are now guarding all public places and main street intersections for undisclosed reasons.

Late on Sunday night, the Government had a long meeting, but the subject of the conference was not disclosed.

On Western Front

ANOTHER RAID BY GERMANS

PARIS, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Bitter winter weather prevails on the Western Front, with low temperatures, snow and strong winds and military activity has been less than on the previous day, except in the fairly large area between the Saar and the Vosges, where numerous patrols have been constantly patrolling.

The Germans made another raid in this area but were driven off by French fire and the raid's result was completely negative.

WAR COMMUNIQUE
PARIS, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A War Communiqué states that "towards midday a sharp engagement occurred in the Vosges between one of our reconnoitering parties and German units. We made some prisoners, including officers."

NAZI SOLDIERS CAPTURED
PARIS, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Several German soldiers, including two officers, were captured yesterday after a clash between German raiders and a French outpost.

A communiqué issued in Paris yesterday states that there was nothing of importance to report, says a Reuter message.

BRITISH SUBMARINE'S ENCOUNTER WITH THE BREMEN: FULL STORY IS REVEALED BY ADMIRALTY

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—An Admiralty statement issued at 7.00 p.m. yesterday states that the Commander of the British submarine which sighted the Bremen ordered her to stop and was preparing to fire a warning shot when enemy aircraft forced the submarine to dive.

Despite the fact that German aircraft were known to be near, the submarine came to the surface and signalled the Bremen "stop instantly."

The Bremen took no notice. The submarine Commander was making ready to fire a shot across the Bremen's bows when he was compelled to submerge.

COMMANDER'S DECISION
Twenty-four hours later, the submarine saw a pocket-battle-ship, two battle cruisers and three accompanying cruisers. The submarine Commander decided to attempt to disable more than one ship.

His first torpedo struck the cruiser Leipzig. Two more torpedoes are believed to have struck another heavy cruiser. Three more torpedoes passed between the enemy ships.

OIL ON SURFACE
The submarine, after being hunted for two hours, returned to the spot after and found an area of nearly four square miles thickly coated with oil.

The Admiralty comment states: "It seems certain that at least one heavy cruiser, in addition to the Leipzig, was badly damaged and that at least one of the ships might well have failed to reach port."

WITHIN RANGE
LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Admiralty statement discloses that when the submarine came to periscope depth to investigate,

SCUTTling OF ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE

IGNOMINIOUS DEPARTURE FROM NAVAL TRADITION

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The scuttling of the Graf Spee constitutes an ignominious departure from the honourable tradition of all Navies, as exemplified in the famous fight by Sir Richard Grenville in the Revenge, which fought 53 ships single-handed in 1591.

Admiral Craddock, who faced almost certain destruction at the hands of a vastly superior fleet at Coronel in 1914.

The Spanish Republican Destroyer "Lois Diaz," which, after undergoing repairs in Gibraltar, in the Civil War, came out and faced a powerful force of the Nationalist Navy.

The scuttling indicates not only lack of will to fight, but the absence of confidence in final victory, when the vessel, if interned, would have been restored.

U.S. Concern Over Scuttling

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt kept in close touch with the State Department from his Hyde Park home yesterday, getting all the latest news concerning the Graf Spee and her scuttling.

It is pointed out here that the President was particularly concerned with the possible dangers to north and south American property, interest and lives caused by belligerent operations in the western hemisphere and that the scuttling of the Graf Spee raises several important questions.

VIOLATION ISSUE
At their recent conference, for instance, twenty-one American countries proclaimed a 300-mile safety-zone with the intention of asking the belligerents to keep their naval engagements "out of this area."

The question now arises: Is the Graf Spee incident a violation of the spirit of this? After the proclamation of the safety-zone, Mr. Sumner Welles announced that the United States had no intention of sending its Navy out to enforce the maintenance of the zone, but would like belligerent countries to recognize the existence of the area.

NO SPECULATION
There is no speculation in White House quarters whether formal action for seeking international observance of the area will be speeded up to prevent future incidents, such as the Graf Spee scuttling.

GRAF SPEE CREW SAVED

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Commander of the Graf Spee and the whole of the crew, except those wounded in the battle, have arrived here on board trawlers. The crew will be interned.

STRONG TERMS
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Argentine Foreign Minister, Señor Castillo, declared that he would publish today a joint note to be addressed by twenty-one American countries to the belligerents, protesting against the violation of the neutrality zone established by the Panama Conference by the battle of the River Plate.

The note drafted by Señor Castillo was approved by the other states and declares in strong terms that the battle caused dissatisfaction to American countries and sets forth formal declarations intended to prevent a repetition of such occurrences.

PRIZEWORTHY ACTION
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When she observed Nazi war vessels at one of their rare excursions, she hit two cruisers, which may have been able to limp home, but which were forced to abandon whatever enterprise they had.

Today the Ursula reports sinking a cruiser, although surrounded by German destroyers.

The warning shot was never fired—German aircraft appeared overhead and forced the submarine to dive.

In spite of being forced to dive by aircraft, the submarine could easily have fired six torpedoes into the Bremen as she dived, for she was already on the attacking course, but the dictates of international law could not be complied with and so the Bremen was allowed to proceed on the way unharmed.

The Admiralty statement adds: "That is the story of the sighting of the Bremen by a British submarine. It contrasts strongly with reports which have been circulated by the German Radio, which are not substantiated by a single fact."

INDIA'S STRONG ANTI-NAZI POSITION

German Perfidy & Hypocrisy

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Bombay Chronicle states: "Berlin broadcasts are daily trying to present the rulers of Germany as friends of India."

SADLY MISKEEN
"It is in keeping with their tradition of perfidy and hypocrisy that the Nazis, who only a few weeks ago were slandering Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru as 'Agents of World Jewry' are now praising them for their stand on the war issue."

FORCED TO DIVE
Even then the responsibility for making provision for the safety of the Bremen's crew would have devolved upon the submarine— a matter of impossibility in the circumstances.

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SUCCESS OF BRITISH NAVAL ACTIVITY

First Lord Pays Tribute To Latest Exploits

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—In a broadcast last night, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, referring to the Graf Spee battle, said that despite far the Nazi ship's heavier armament and commanding range, she was driven to take refuge in a neutral harbour. She then had the alternative of submitting to internment or going down in battle, like the Rawalpindi, which would have been honourable to her.

She found a third alternative of emerging, not to fight, but to sink herself in the fairway of a neutral state from whom she had received shelter and succour as prescribed by international law.

She knew that the British heavy ships, the Renown and Ark Royal were still 1,000 miles away, sailing at Rio. All that awaited her outside the harbour were two six-inch gun cruisers, the Ajax and Achilles, and the eight-inch gun Cumberland, which had arrived to replace the damaged Exeter.

SUBMARINE SUCCESS
"In the North Sea, British submarines had the best week I can remember either in this war or in the last."

British submarines suffer serious disability in that they are not allowed to sink merchant-ships without providing for the safety of the crew. They do not attack neutral vessels and humble fishing-boats and German warships hardly ever venture out of port.

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NAZI RAIDER'S CAREER: NINE SHIPS SUNK IN OVER 2 MONTHS

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—At least two British ships scuttled themselves when the Graf Spee tried to capture them. It was learned yesterday, when fuller details of the raider's career became available.

FIRST VICTIM
On Oct. 7, the Graf Spee's first victim the 5,000-ton Clement, was encountered. As the German ship opened fire on the Clement, her Captain ordered the destruction of the ship's wireless, engines and stores and the seacocks opened and the crew took to their boats.

Later they were placed aboard a Greek steamer, the master of which was threatened with sinking when he refused to take them on board without payment.

SUNK BY BOMBS
Other ships, including the Ashley and Huntsman, were sunk by bombs during October, when the Graf Spee crept up on them unawares by flying the French flag.

In two and a half months, she accounted for nine ships, totalling 48,000 tons, which is less than half the damage done by the Emden, which was only one-third the Graf Spee's size, in the last war.

BAN ON USE OF RADIO SETS IN BRITISH WATERS

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Foreign ships in territorial waters around the United Kingdom are now forbidden to use their wireless sets, except when communicating with specific receiving stations in Britain.

Such communication must be carried out in English, French or international code. Distress signals are, of course, exempt from this order.

ANGLO-JAPANESE DISCUSSIONS

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19 (Int'l).—With the arrival in Tokyo of Mr. Tanaka, Japanese Consul from Tientsin, and Major H. A. Herbert, British Consul from Chefoo, it is reported that Anglo-Japanese discussions on the Tientsin issue will be held in the Japanese capital.

Later on it is reported that Foreign Minister Nomura will meet Sir Robert Craigie, the British ambassador, on the same issue.

Mr. Sotomatsu Kato, the Japanese Minister at Large in China, left Peking by air yesterday morning for Nanking, says Reuter.

NOTHING KNOWN IN LONDON

British Minister's Detention

LONDON, Dec. 19 (RWS).—Regarding the report that Mr. Gordon Vereker, British Minister Designate in La Paz, has been captured by Germans from a neutral ship in the Baltic, nothing is yet known in official quarters in London of the circumstances.

It cannot be confirmed that Mr. Vereker is in Germany, though it is a fact that he was in a neutral ship on his way from Tallinn to Stockholm, which was intercepted by a German warship.

U.S. INTERVENTION
If Mr. Vereker has been detained despite his diplomatic privilege, the United States Government, which has taken charge of British interests in Germany will be asked to take up the matter to procure his release.

Mr. Vereker was coming home from Moscow to prepare to take up his appointment in the Bolivian British Service.

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H.K.V.D.C. TRAINING CAMPS IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH

The following is a special Order relating to H.K.V.D.C. Training Camps in January, February and March, 1940:

1. Training Camps will be held in January, February and March, 1940, as under:—
 - (a) 1st Camp—Fanning: A.S.C. Coy. (Transport Sec.); No. 1 Company; No. 4 Company (Chinese); No. 5 Company (Portuguese); No. 7 Company (Chinese)—p.m. Monday, January 22 to p.m. Monday, January 29.
 - (b) 2nd Camp—Fanning: Field Company Engineers; Corps Signals; Mobile Column; No. 2 Company (Scottish); No. 3 Company—p.m. Tuesday, January 30 to p.m. Tuesday, February 6.
 - (c) 3rd Camp: 1st Battery; 3rd Battery; 5th Anti-Aircraft Battery—p.m. Wednesday, February 21 to p.m. Wednesday, February 28.
 - (d) 4th Camp: Field Ambulance—p.m. Monday, March 4 to p.m. Monday, March 11.
 - (e) 5th Camp: 2nd Battery; 4th Battery; No. 6 Company (Portuguese)—p.m. Wednesday, March 8 to p.m. Wednesday, March 13.
2. Members of Army Service Corps Company (Supply Section) and Pay Section will be notified later individually.
3. Officers and Volunteers will be required to report on the evening of the day the camp commences and will be dismissed in the afternoon of the last day.
4. Each camp lasts seven days and Officers and Volunteers are required to attend for the full period during which their units are under training, unless special exemption has been obtained either by themselves or their employers.
5. Employers are requested to take careful note of the above dates and to make available all officers and Volunteers when the units to which they belong are under training.
6. In special cases, where exemption is sought, employers should always request leave for their employees, in writing, as early as possible, from the Commandant, H.K.V.D.C. Volunteer Headquarters, Garden Road.

H.K. CHINESE RELIEF ASSN.

Charities Benefit From Flower Day

The Hongkong Chinese Relief Association has made donations as mentioned below to various institutions out of the takings of the Flower Day organized by the Association on Dec. 16:

British War Organisation Fund	\$1,500
British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China	1,000
St. John Ambulance Brigade Society for the Protection of Children	500
Winter clothes for victims of war in Kwangsi	500
National Association for relief of War Orphans	500
Home for the Aged (Kowloon City) (Sisters of the Poor)	400
St. Louis Industrial School	400
Leper Hospital (Kennedy Town) (Winter clothes)	300
Hongkong Boys' and Girls' Clubs	200
Total	\$5,500

86 DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Eighty-six deaths from tuberculosis occurred in the Colony for the week ending Dec. 16, according to returns furnished by the Health Department. The number of cases of tuberculosis notified to the authorities for the week was 128.

Other returns include eight deaths from dysentery (15 cases were notified, one being imported), six deaths from diphtheria (12 cases notified), four deaths from small-pox (six cases notified) and three deaths from enteric fever (eight cases notified).

Twenty-one cases of tuberculosis, seven cases of dysentery, six cases of diphtheria, two cases of measles, one case of small-pox and one case of enteric fever were notified to the Health Department on Dec. 18.



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MARKET STALL RENTALS: AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS APPROVED

URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

An amendment to the market by-laws of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, by which the Urban Council is empowered to vary the rental of any market stall without first cancelling the tenancy and calling for sealed tenders for further letting, where the stallholder or a relative holding in his stead has remained in possession of a stall for a period of five years from the first letting, was approved at yesterday's meeting of the Council.

The Chairman, Mr. W. J. Carlie, stated that the proposal was not actually new, as market rents were revised five or six years ago when special authority of the Sanitary Board was obtained. There was, however, no legislative sanction, and the proposal was framed to meet this.

FOOD PRESERVATION

The Council discussed the proposed policy for the registration of food preserving establishments.

The Chairman said that the proposal that no licence for food preserving establishments be granted except for ground floors of reinforced concrete buildings was made on the advice of the health authorities.

There would be no objection to establishments where the first floor was also used for preservation of food where there was a staircase common to the two floors only.

The proposal was approved, as also was another relating to the erection of a small flush water closet for the use of women and children in the King George V Memorial Field in Kowloon.

TWO APPLICATIONS

Two applications for licences, one for a milk shop at No. 102 Thomson Road, ground floor, and the other for a goat licence for the premises on K.M.L. No. 52, Bailey's Shipyard, were refused.

ATTENDANCE

Besides the Chairman, the following were present:—Dr. T. W. Ware (vice-chairman), the Hon. Mr. A. B. Purvis, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. A. el Arcull, Dr. S. N. Chau, the Hon. Mr. W. L. Thomas Tan, Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. C. J. Roe (secretary) and Mr. Im Ping-iseung (assistant secretary).

KUOMINTANG YOUTH CORPS

Mr. Huang Wen-shan, formerly professor of the National Chungshan University, who has been sent by the Central Kuomintang Headquarters to the United States to inspect Party affairs and to organize a San Min Chu Yi (Three People's Principles) Youth Corps among the Chinese youths there, has arrived in Hongkong from Chungking. He will leave shortly for America by air.

After a stay in the United States he will proceed to Canada and South America. He will be abroad for a year.

NIGHT ARRIVAL AT KAI TAK

Unique Feat For Capt. A. B. Dykes

The plane of Imperial Airways, carrying passengers and mail, which was due in Hongkong on Sunday afternoon arrived at Kai Tak last night from Bangkok. Capt. A. B. Dykes, in command of the plane, is the first Imperial Airways' officer to make a night landing at Kai Tak.

In the past two years the Imperial Airways' Bangkok-Hongkong service, no plane has arrived after sunset. They have usually remained overnight in Hanoi, or Fort Bayard, if they were late in their schedule.

A late departure from Bangkok, due to the connections with the main Empire route flyingboat, caused Captain Dykes to be behind time.

CHINA CLIPPER

Pan American Airways' China Clipper arrived at Kai Tak yesterday at 5.10 p.m. from Manila where it was prevented from the usual early morning take-off by a typhoon 30 miles south of the city. The Clipper left the southern port about 11.30 a.m.

Mr. A. J. F. Barretto, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Barretto, of Singapore, arrived on the Clipper from Manila with his fiancée Miss Simone Levy. The couple will be married in the Kowloon Union Church this morning and after a week's stay in the Colony will return south.

Mrs. C. Sheppard, wife of Lieut. Commander C. J. Sheppard, R.N., attached to the British Embassy in Shanghai, was en route North from her home in America.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:

NORTHBOUND

Thursday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hongkong.
Delphinus—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Sunday: Hanoi, Bangkok.
Denebola—7 a.m.

Air France

NORTHBOUND

Wednesday: France, Hanoi, Hongkong.
Service—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Thursday: Hanoi, France.
Service—6 a.m.

Pan American Airways.

EASTBOUND

Friday: U.S.A., Manila, Hongkong.
Honolulu Clipper—2 p.m.

Tuesday: U.S.A., Manila, Hongkong.
Philippine Clipper—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND

Saturday: Manila, U.S.A.
Honolulu Clipper—8.30 a.m.

Wednesday: Manila, U.S.A.
Philippine Clipper—8.30 a.m.

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Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/4

On Shanghai:—
On demand 310
On Singapore:—
On demand 52 3/4

On Japan:—
On demand 103 1/2

On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer. 1/3 1/2
and demand 1/3 1/2

On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 24 7/16
Credits, 60 days' sight 25 1/16

On Batavia:—
On demand 45 1/2

On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand 1090
Credits 4 months' sight 1145

On Saigon:—
On demand 108 1/2

On Manila:—
On demand 48 7/8

On Bangkok:—
On demand 149 1/2

Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate, 1/4
Bar Silver per oz. 23 7/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

The price for Ready Silver rose 1/16 yesterday to 23 7/16 but the Forward rate was unchanged at 23 9/16. Silver advances reported the market as being steady but quiet. Bears covered to a small extent. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 395.

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/3 December/January, 1/23 1/32 February/March and 1/2 1/16 May/June, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash and 1/3 February.

U.S. Dollars

There were sellers at 24 5/8 December, 24 9/16 first half January and 24 7/16 first half February, buyers at 24 1/16 Cash, 24 9/16 January and 24 7/16 February.

Shanghai Dollars

During the early part of the morning there were sellers at 315 for Spot. Later sellers were quoted at 308. Towards the close at 1 p.m. there were sellers at 312 for Spot.

Shanghai Market

Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 4 11/16. The highest rate touched was 4 13/16. Towards the close at 1 p.m. sellers for Spot were quoted at 4 3/4. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 7 11/16 and towards the close at 1 p.m. sellers were quoted at 7 13/16 for Spot.

Afternoon Market

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

Sterling

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 December/January, 1/23 1/32 February/March and 1/2 1/16 May/June, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash and 1/3 February.

U.S. Dollars

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Shanghai Dollars

Towards the close sellers were quoted at 313 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 19 (Reuter).
Official T.T. Rates

London	0/4-1/4
New York	6-7/8
Japan	29-1/4
India	23-1/2
Paris	3.11
Hongkong	28-1/4

Sellers

Spot	0/4-3/4	0/4-3/4
Dec.	0/4-3/4	0/4-3/4
Jan.	0/4-23/32	0/4-23/32

U.S. Dollars

Spot	7-13/16	7-13/16
Dec.	7-25/32	7-25/32
Jan.	7-11/16	7-11/16

Market:—Quiet.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-3/4.
U.S. Dollars, 7-13/16.
Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d, unchanged from yesterday.

The Equalisation rate was 24-1/4 per cent

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, December 18.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Dec. 18	Dec. 18	Change
S P O T	39-1/4	39-3/8	up 1/8
JAN-MARCH	38-3/4	39	up 1/4
APRIL-JUNE	36-3/4	37	up 1/4

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER	Dec. 18	Dec. 18	Change
S P O T	11-13/16	11-15/16	up 1/8
JAN-MARCH	11-7/8	11-15/16	up 1/16
APRIL-JUNE	11-3/4	11-13/16	up 1/16

The market quiet but steady.

NEW YORK COTTON: Present levels are attracting large amount from Loan.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Extensive short-covering by the mills continues to disclose the tightness of the December position. The cash market is strong.

GENERAL COMMODITIES: We disfavor short position in any major commodities under way uncertainties, but would be disposed to take profits on speculative longs on very much further advance.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 149.36; Today's close, 149.22; Change, off 14.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. F. Levy & Company)

	High	Low	Prev. To-day's	Change
New York Cotton, Mar.	11.05	10.78	10.96	08 off
New York Rubber, Mar.	19.59	19.45	19.40b	15 up
Chicago Wheat, May	109 1/4	104 1/2	105 1/2	44 up
Chicago Corn, May	59 1/2	58	58 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, Mar.	15.68	15.56	15.53	03 up

NEW YORK COTTON Close Opening Closing Change

January	11.15/15	11.12/12	11.08/08	07 off
March	10.96/97	10.96/97	10.88/90	08 off
May	10.62/62	10.62/62	10.54/54	08 off
July	10.24/24	10.28/29	10.25/25	01 up
July, (New contract)	10.43 N	10.51/51	10.44/44	01 up
October	9.75/75	9.79/80	9.76/76	01 up
December	9.73 A	9.73 A	9.67 N	
Spot	11.40 N		11.23 N	07 off

Volume (in contract of 100 bales each) 102,600 bales.

Note: January cotton, first notice day:—26/12/39 last notice day:—17/1/40.

NEW YORK RUBBER

December	20.30 N		20.45b/45a	15 up
March	19.40b/50a	19.45/45	19.55/55	15 up
May	19.08/08	19.10b/15a	19.10b/15a	02 up
July	18.85/85	18.95/99	19.00/00	15 up
September	18.70/70		18.78/78	08 up

Note: December rubber, last notice day:—27/12/39.

Total sales for the day:—1,000 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

December	106 1/4/107		111 1/4/111 1/2	4 1/2 up
May	105 1/4/105 1/2	105 1/2/108	100 1/2/109	4 1/2 up
July	103 1/4/103 1/2	103 1/2/104 1/2	107 1/4/107 1/2	4 up

Saturday's sales:—42,165,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

December	56 1/2/56 1/2		57 1/2/57 1/2	1 up
May	58 1/2/58 1/2	58 1/2/58 1/2	59 1/2/59 1/2	1 up
July	58 1/2/58 1/2		59 1/2/59 1/2	1 up

WINNEPEG WHEAT

December	84 1/2		87 1/2/87 1/2	2 1/2 up
May	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2	91 1/2	2 1/2 up
July	90 1/2/90 1/2		92 1/2/92 1/2	2 1/2 up

NEW YORK HIDES

March	15.53/53	15.60/64	15.56/58	03 up
June		15.83b/84a	15.86/86	03 up
New York, Official	unquoted		34-3/4	
NY-London Cross Rate	3.94		3.95	

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Dec. 18 (Reuter).
Silver: Little bear covering business very small. Market quietly steady. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady.

Spot, 23-7/16d.
Forward, 23-9/16d.

NEW YORK SILVER

New York, Dec. 18 (Reuter).
Official Price, 34-3/4.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 18 (Reuter).
Market: Steady. Offtake 200 bars

Indian Mint Silver

Ready	62-12
Jan. 6 Settlement	62-15
Feb. 3 Settlement	63-09

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 18 (Reuter).	
T.T. on Japan, 80-3/8.	

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Dec. 18 (Reuter).
Government 3 1/2 Rupee, 87-12-0 nominal.

New York Exchange

New York, Dec. 18 (Reuter).
T.T. on London (Opening Rate). 3.93-7/8

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 18	STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 18
Adams Express	8 1/2		Lakey Foundry & Mac.	4 1/2	
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2		Lockheed Aircraft	30 1/2	
Allied Stores	9		Loew's Inc.	32 1/2	
Alis Chalmers	40		Mack Truck Inc.	28 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	95 1/2		Manhattan Shirt Co.		
Amer. Can.	112 1/2		Martin, Gler L.	39 1/2	
American Cyanamid B.	3		McKesson & Robbins, pfd.		
Amer. & Foreign Power	2		Monsanto Chemical	108 1/2	
Amer. Gas & Elec.	24 1/2		Montgomery Ward	54 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	22 1/2		National Aviation	12 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	24		Nat. Dairy Products	16	
Amer. Radiator	94		Nat. Distillers	23 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	16 1/2		National Gypsum	11	
Amer. S'ing and Ring Co.	52 1/2		Nat. Power & Light	20 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining	21 1/2		Nat. Steel Corp.	70 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	188 1/2		Nat. Supply Corp.	8 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	84		New York Central	18 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	11 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	6	
Anaconda Copper	31 1/2		N. American Aviation	25 1/2	
Atchafalpa & S. Fe.	24		North American Co.	21 1/2	
Auburn Motors	23		Northern Pacific	8 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	58		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	62 1/2	
Barber Asphalt Co.	14 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	41 1/2	
Barnard Oil	12		Pacific Lighting	47 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	29 1/2		Packard Motors	3 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	83		Paramount Pictures	7 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2		Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	22 1/2		Phillips-Dodge	41 1/2	
Borg-Warner	24 1/2		Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2	
Biggs Manufacturing	21 1/2		Pittsburg Coke & Iron	8 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	14 1/2		Public Service of N.J.	40 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan	49		Pullman Inc.	32 1/2	
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	42		Pure Oil	7 1/2	
Case J. I.	72 1/2		Radio Corp. of Am.	54	
Celanese	28 1/2		Reading Company, Com.	16	
Chesapeake & Ohio	40		Reading Company, 1st pfd.	25 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	89 1/2		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	42 1/2	
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	40		Republic Aviation Corp.	54	
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	82 1/2		Republic Steel	23 1/2	
Columbia Gas & El.	85		Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	14 1/2	
Columbia 8% "A" pfd.	44 1/2		Reynold Tobac. "B"	37 1/2	
Commercial Credit Co.	11		Richfield Oil	8 1/2	
Com. & Southern (ord)	30 1/2		Safeway Stores	47 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	7		Schenley Distillers	11 1/2	
Consolidated Oil	42		Schenley Distillers 5 1/2 pfd.	82	
Continental Can	22 1/2		Shell Union Oil	12 1/2	
Continental Oil	17		Socoxy-Vacuum Oil	11 1/2	
Corn Products	63		Southern Pacific	14 1/2	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	10 1/2		Southern Ry 3 1/2 pfd.	33 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	23 1/2		Sperry	45 1/2	
Deere & Co.	16 1/2		Sperry-Manufacturing Co.	31 1/2	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	79 1/2		Standard Brands	24	
Du Pont de Nemours	179 1/2		Stand Oil & Elec.	24 1/2	
Eagle Pitcher Lead	11 1/2		Standard Oil of California	24	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	29 1/2		Standard Oil of N.J.	43 1/2	
Elec. Autolite	37 1/2		Stone & Webster	11 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	7 1/2		Studebaker Com.	32 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 3 1/2 pfd.	57 1/2		Swift International	8 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 3 1/2 pfd.	57 1/2		Technicolor	14 1/2	
Elec. Power & Light 3 1/2 pfd.	30 1/2		Texas Corp.	43 1/2	
Flintkote	20 1/2		Texas Gulf Sulphur	32 1/2	
Gen. American Trans.	55		Trans-America Co.	6	
Gen. Electric	38 1/2		20th Cent. Fox	12	
Gen. Motors	53 1/2		20th Cent. Fox 3 1/2 pfd.	23	
Gen. Railway Signal	18 1/2		Union Carbide & Carbon	86 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	22 1/2		Union Pacific	97	
Glidden Co.	17 1/2		United Aircraft	45 1/2	
Goodrich (B.F.)	18 1/2		United Airlines Trans.	15	
Goodrich 5 1/2 pfd.	63 1/2		United Corp.	24	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	23 1/2		United Corp. 3 1/2 cum. pfd.	37 1/2	
Great Northern Iron Ore	17 1/2		United Gas Corp.	14 1/2	
Great Northern Ry, pfd.	27 1/2		United Gas Improvement	12	
Great Western Sugar	28		U.S. Industrial Alcohol	21 1/2	
Greyhound Corp.	16 1/2		U.S. Rubber	110	
Hercules Powder Co.	89 1/2		U.S. Steel	87 1/2	
Homestake Mining	60		Vanadium	34	
International Harvester	62 1/2		Valworth Co.	5 1/2	
Int. Nickel	36 1/2		Warner Bros. Pict.	32 1/2	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	4 1/2		Westinghouse Elec.	114 1/2	
Johns-Manville	75 1/2		Woodward Iron Cor.	23 1/2	
J. & Laughlin Steel 3 1/2 pfd.	66 1/2		Chase National Bank	36 1/2	
Kennecott Copper	38 1/2		Chase City Bank	28 1/2	

*—bid. —ex. div.

DOW JONES AVERAGE

1939	High	Low	Dow Jones Average	Dec. 18, 1939	High	Low	Close	Change
	158.98	151.41	20 Industrial	149.34	149.80	148.89	149.22	14 off
	35.90	34.14	30 Railroads	31.78	31.80	31.43	31.53	22 off
	57.07	50.70	90 Utilities	54.86	54.99	54.79	54.88	06 off
	92.23	84.51	40 Bonds	89.23		89.25	89.25	02 off
	63.70	45.59	11 Commodity Index	63.70		64.67	64.67	97 up

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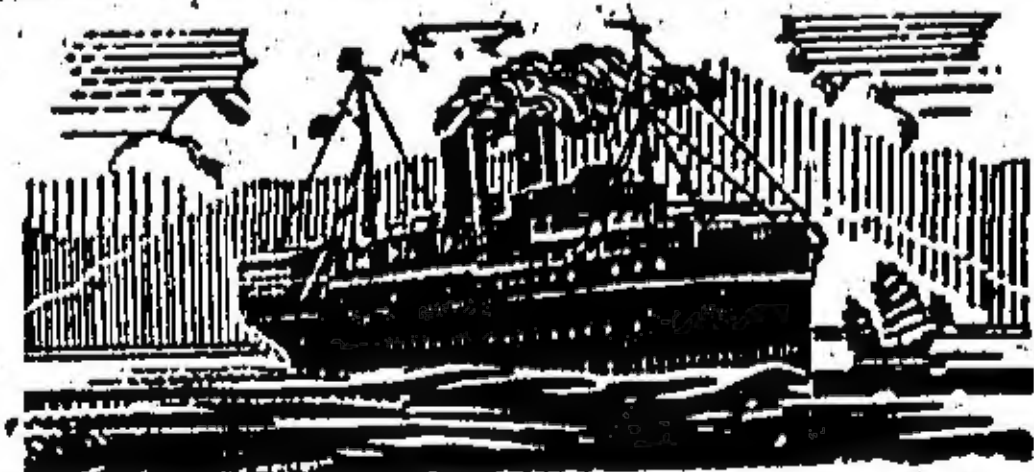
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Uncertainty Of Japanese Promises

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19 (Int'l).—Foreign shipping circles here are not enthusiastic concerning the re-opening of the Yangtze, as only the stretch from Nanking to the sea will be open to foreign shipping.

The Japanese naval spokesman emphasized that the river is subject to closing when military necessity demands.

The closing of the Pearl River is cited as an example of the uncertainty of Japanese promises.

NAZI PLANES SINK MOTOR VESSEL

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—In connection with the coastal raids on Britain by the Nazi Air Force on Sunday, it is now reported that the motor-vessel Serenity, of 244 tons, was sunk during the course of these attacks.

The crew, who have been landed by lifeboat, said the ship was attacked by Nazi planes and one bomb made a direct hit on the Serenity, but fortunately no one was injured.

British fighters then arrived and drove the Nazis off, appearing to have destroyed one as they did so, according to the ship's crew.

U.S. PLANES FOR FINLAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—It is understood that 44 of the order for 54 war planes originally placed with the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation for the U.S. Navy, will be sent to Finland.

The Navy's order will be completed later.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 19

Barometer, (at sea level), 30.23 ins.

Temperature, 52 F.

Humidity, 50 per cent.

Wind Direction, NNE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.

Temperature; maximum yesterday, 71 F.

Temperature, minimum last night, 55 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs., ending 10 a.m. today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 86.70 ins.

Against an average of, 84.87 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.43 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.38 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 19.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.10 ins.

Temperature, 66 F.

Humidity, 56 per cent.

Wind Direction, SE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.

Maximum temperature, 70 F.

Minimum temperature, 55 F.

Rainfall, 0.00.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 20 to 26 Dec. 1939

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Days of Week.	Date of Month.	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.		
Wed.	20	h. m.	f. in.	h. m.	f. in.		
		02 11	5 0	09 57	2 9		
		17 10	5 8	23 48	4 1		
Thur.	21	03 42	4 7	10 45	3 2		
		17 34	6 0				
Fri.	22	05 38	4 4	00 45	2 5		
		18 08	6 4	11 31	3 3		
Sat.	23	07 07	4 4	01 39	3 6		
		18 44	7 0	12 13	3 4		
Sun.	24	08 17	4 4	02 13	3 1		
		19 24	7 5	12 56	3 4		
Mon.	25	09 08	4 5	02 54	1 5		
		20 03	8 0	13 37	3 4		
Tues.	26	09 55	4 7	03 32	0 9		
		20 46	8 3	14 19	3 4		

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LONDON, Dec. 19 (BWS).—

The Admiralty announced

yesterday evening that "H.M.

trawlers, Evelyn and Sedgely

are overdue and must be pre-

sumed to have been sunk."

Twenty-five names of the

crews are published as missing

and believed to have been kill-

ed.

NEW RAILWAY IN KWANGSI

HENGKANG, Dec. 19 (Int'l).—

Traffic on the new railway between

Liuchow and Kweilin in Kwangsi

began on December 18, linking it

with the line extending to this

town and Changsha.

However, the construction of the

railway from Liuchow to Chen-

nankwan near the French border

has been suspended owing to mili-

tary reasons.

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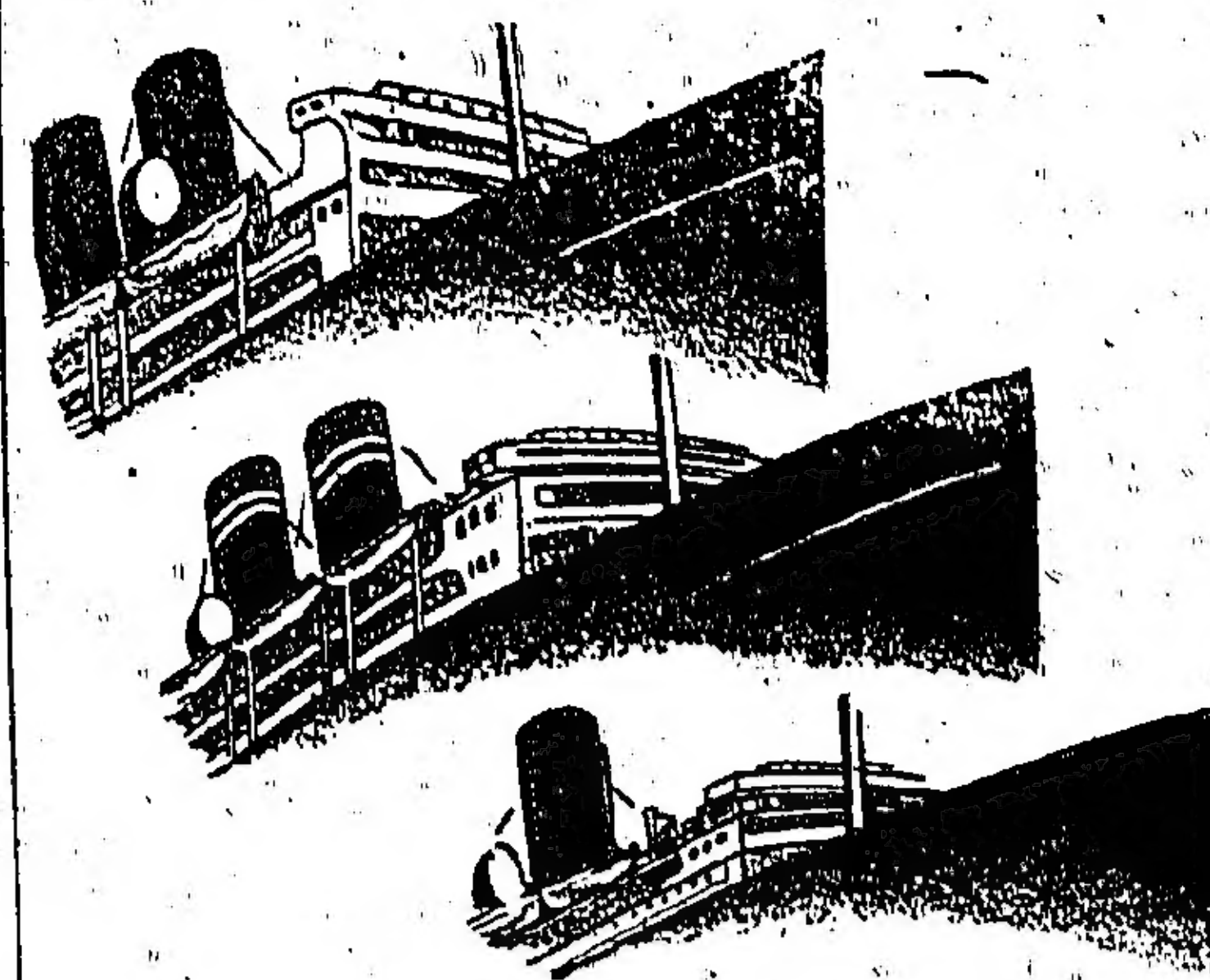
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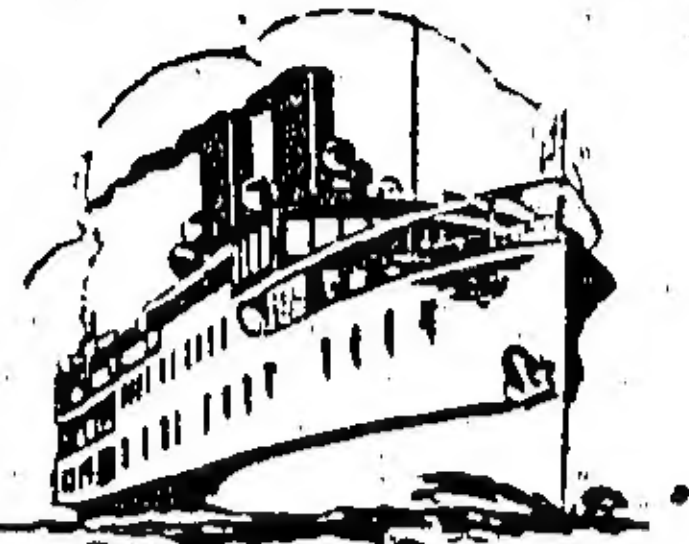
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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herby notified that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk
into the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown. Consignees' godowns at
Kowloon, where delivery may be
obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
Optional Cargo will not be landed
here, unless Notice has been given 48
hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried
on from port to port to the final port of
call to which the option extends.
No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
23rd Dec., 1939, will be subject to
Rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on 23rd
Dec., 1939, at 10 a.m., by our
Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.
To comply with the Federal Bonded
Warehouse Regulations, consignees must
have a Revenue Officer in attendance
when damaged dutiable goods are
examined.
All claims must reach us before
the 23rd Jan., 1940, or they will not
be recognized.
No Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JESSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1939. [883]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or
from the wharves delivery may be
obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
24th Dec., 1939, will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must
be presented to the Underwriter on or
before the 8th Jan., 1940, or they will
not be recognized.

To comply with the General Bonded
Warehouse Regulations, consignees
must have a Revenue Officer in attend-
ance when damaged dutiable goods
are examined.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where
they will be examined on the 22nd Dec.,
1939, at 9 a.m., by Messrs. Carmichael
& Clarke.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
W. K. LOKLEY & Co. (CHINA) Ltd.
Agents.

Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1939 [888]

POSSESSION OF FORGED \$500 BANKNOTE: FORMER RICE MERCHANT GAOLED

Alleged Theft By Trick Of Tins Of Red Dye

CHONG PAK-CHUNG, 32-year-old Chinese, who was neatly
attired in a double-breasted grey flannel suit and who described
himself as a former rice merchant, was sentenced by the Chief
Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday,
to two-and-a-half years' hard labour when he was found guilty
of possession of a forged \$500 banknote, uttering it and larceny
by trick of 99 tins of red dye from Ma Chung-poon, firewood
dealer of Koon Chung Street, Kowloon.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown
Solicitor, prosecuted, the jury
was, his employer, but when Siu
being: Messrs. E. A. Bompas (fore-
man), Fung Tak-ming, Yeh Cheng-
sien, Chang Ming-fang, Chan
Hung-cho, S. N. B. Shroff and M.
M. Lum.

Mr. Abbott said that Ma made
accused's acquaintance in a tea-
house, the latter being introduced
to him as a prospective buyer of
his dye. Ma had informed a
friend, Siu Ping that he had the
goods for sale, and Siu had in-
formed a man named Leung of
this. Leung introduced a man
named Cheung, who in turn intro-
duced accused.

At the interview, Chong said
that he would buy the dye, and
the price was agreed at \$1,489.20.

Two days later, on November 20,
Ma and Leung went to complai-
ant's shop in a taxi, and after the
goods had been examined they
were loaded into the vehicle. On
Ma's asking for payment, Chong
drew him to one side and went
through the motions of finding the
money but produced none. When
Ma looked around, he saw the taxi
move away, with Leung inside. He
gave chase but failed to catch up,
and on returning to the shop he
found accused in the custody of his
brother.

EXAMINED ON SPOT

Chong was again asked for
money, and he produced \$500,
which was examined on the spot
and found to be a forgery. Chong
then asked to communicate with a

man named Li Ngai whom he said
was his employer, but when Siu
Ping went to the address given by
accused the man could not be
found.

The police were informed and
defendant was arrested.

In evidence, accused denied that
he knew the banknote was a for-
gery or that he had attempted to
trick Ma. He stated that he was
acting for Li Ngai, who was to give
him a commission of \$1 per tin for
seeing through the transaction, as
Li's friend, Leung, could not ar-
range the business as the latter
was not well-dressed and not gen-
tleman enough to create confi-
dence.

On the day in question, said ac-
cused, Li told him that the money
had been handed to Leung. In the
taxi, Leung gave him a \$500 note
to keep. His suspicions were not
aroused, as the note was an old
one.

WAS IN KITCHEN

Accused stated that he was in
the kitchen washing his hands,
which had become stained after
examining the dye, when he saw
Leung departing with the tins in
the taxi.

When the jury found defendant
guilty on all three counts, His
Lordship remarked that defendant
could not be surprised to hear the
verdict.

Chong said that he had been in
Hongkong 21 years and had never
committed an offence, and added
that he had been fooled.

Foreign Journalists Fete Publicity Director

CHUNGKING, Dec. 19 (Central) — Dr. Wang Shih-chieh,
director of the Central Publicity Board, was feted by foreign
newspaper representatives in Chungking at a dinner party yester-
day evening.

Among the hosts were representatives of Havas, Reuter, the
D.N.B., United Press, New York Times, Tass, Transocean, and
Associated Press; while besides Dr. Wang, the guest of honour,
both Mr. Pan Kung-chen and Mr. Hollington K. Tong, deputy
directors of the Central Publicity Board, and Mr. T. T. Hsiao,
director of the Central News Agency, were also invited.

After a toast by the hosts, Dr.
Wang, in a brief address, dwelt on
the important nature of the task
of the foreign newspapermen in
China's wartime capital at the
present time. He pointed out that
since the fall of Canton and
Hankow last year, direct contact
between China and the friendly
Powers in Europe and America had
almost been cut and it was difficult
for China's friends to obtain first-
hand knowledge on her war of re-
sistance and her efforts on national
reconstruction.

JAPAN'S PROPAGANDA
Coupled with this difficulty was
Japan's intensified propaganda and
the preoccupation of Europe and
America in the European war. In
this disadvantageous position, it
was the fervent hope of the Na-
tional Government that foreign
correspondents in China would
supply as much as possible true
and unbiased news to their papers
abroad.

Dr. Wang said that the Chi-
nese Government did not desire

coloured or biased despatches
to be sent out for foreign con-
sumption, it being his firm
conviction that one of the
fundamental principles in pub-
licity work should be the
avoidance of rumours or provo-
cation.

What was expected of the foreign
press representatives was that a
regular and full supply of truth
be sent abroad, to counteract false
propaganda, and to ensure for the
world first-hand knowledge of what
was really going on in China's war
for international peace and justice.

JAPANESE PLANS

KWELIN, Dec. 19 (Int'l)—Jap-
anese designs on Lungchow, in
Western Kwangsi, near Indo-
China, are indicated by the oc-
cupation of Suliin, south-west of
Nanning, on the highway leading
to that frontier town.

Enemy troops at Kaofengai
north of Nanning are entrenched
themselves for fear of a Chinese
counter-offensive from Wuming.

Uruguayan Government Blamed

GRAF SPEE NOT GIVEN SUFFICIENT TIME

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 19 (Reuter)

—A protest has been sent to the
Uruguayan Government by the
Nazi Government, alleging that the
Uruguayan Government failed to
give the Graf Spee the necessary
time to make her seaworthy, thus
committing "a gross breach of in-
ternational law and usage."

NOT SEAWORTHY

The Nazi note takes the same
line as the letter sent by Captain
Landsdorf to the German Minister
in Montevideo before he took his
ship out and scuttled her in ob-
edience to Herr Hitler's orders.

In this letter, Captain Landsdorf
said that although the fighting
power of the ship was not dimin-
ished, she was not seaworthy as
her kitchens and bakeries were
damaged and he could not put to
sea with a crew of 1,000 men when
she was in that condition.

The Captain's note alleges
that the Uruguayan Govern-
ment by refusing to extend the
Graf Spee's time limit, failed to
live up to the Hague Con-
vention.

CAPTAIN'S ADMISSION

The Captain also admits having
fired at a British warship while in
Uruguayan territorial waters.

The Uruguayan authorities are
now investigating the way in
which the Graf Spee was sunk.
They questioned the Chief Engi-
neer and three members of the
crew, who were among the last to
leave the ship. All members of
the Graf Spee's crew on board the
Tacoma will be interned.

MUCH RESENTMENT

There is considerable resentment
at the Graf Spee's choice of a final
anchorage, right in the middle of
the main fairway in only 25 feet
of water, where she may become a
danger to navigation.

AN INCIDENT

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 19 (Reuter)
It is reported from a good source
that an incident occurred on
board the Graf Spee when the
captain announced his decision to
scuttle.

The officers are reported to
have replied in the presence of
the men, that such action would
be shameful and that they pre-
ferred to sail out and fight even.
It meant certain death.

"INCOMPREHENSIBLE"

A communique issued by the
Foreign Ministry reveals that the
German Minister requested fifteen
days to repair the battleship.
Thereupon the Foreign Ministry
appointed a Committee of experts,
which fixed the final time-limit.

The Foreign Ministry asserts that
the allegations that Uruguay in-
fringed the legal principles of the
right of asylum are quite "incom-
prehensible."

CORRECT PROCEDURE

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 19 (Reuter)
—Referring to the German note to
Uruguay claiming that the neutral-
ity law was not properly applied in
the case of the Graf Spee, the
Uruguayan Foreign Minister said
he was convinced the Ministry had
scrupulously observed the prin-
ciples of neutrality and inter-
national law. He was prepared to
publish a report showing that the
procedure followed was "correct
even if applied in the most liberal
sense."

THE FUTURE

The Manchester Guardian also
looks forward into the future. The
last war, it points out, was fol-
lowed by a great epidemic. What
strength will the populations of
Poland and Czechoslovakia have
to resist disease? And what of the
impoverished population of the
Reich?

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—A
later Air Ministry bulletin indicates
that the twelve German aircraft
destroyed in Heligoland represent-
ed over fifty per cent. of the total
German forces engaged.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 1939, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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Shanghai.	20th Dec.
Straits.	20th Dec.
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Rabaul.	20th Dec.
London and Straits.	20th Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 13th Dec.	21st Dec.
Haiphong.	21st Dec.
U. S. A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco, date 22nd November).	21st Dec.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 13th November).	21st Dec.
Australia and Manila.	21st Dec.
Australia and Manila.	21st Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Ser- vice"—San Francisco Date, 15th December.	22nd Dec.
Saigon.	22nd Dec.
Straits.	22nd Dec.
Japan.	22nd Dec.
Shanghai and Amoy.	22nd Dec.
Shanghai.	23rd Dec.
Calcutta and Straits.	23rd Dec.
Sandakan.	23rd Dec.
Haiphong and Heliow.	23rd Dec.
Japan and Shanghai.	23rd Dec.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th November).	23rd Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"— London date, 16th Dec.	24th Dec.
Shanghai.	24th Dec.
Shanghai and Amoy.	24th Dec.
Japan.	24th Dec.
Straits.	24th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits.	24th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai.	24th Dec.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa.	24th Dec.
Manila.	24th Dec.
Manila.	24th Dec.
Straits.	24th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai.	24th Dec.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Fran- cisco date, 3rd December).	24th Dec.
Shanghai.	24th Dec.
Sandakan.	24th Dec.
Shanghai.	24th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai.	24th Dec.
Japan.	24th Dec.
London and Straits.	24th Dec.
Haiphong.	24th Dec.

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For	Date and Time
WEDNESDAY	
Manila.	Wed. 20th
Haiphong (Parcels only).	10.30 AM
Haiphong.	10.30 AM
Parcels only for Japan.	2.00 PM
Shanghai.	3.30 PM
	5.00 PM
	K.P.O.
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 23th December.	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 6.30 PM
Straits.	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
	7.00 PM
THURSDAY	
Saigon.	Thurs. 21st
Parcels only for Shanghai and Tientsin.	9.30 AM
Amoy and Parcels only for Shanghai.	10.30 AM
Japan.	2.30 PM
Amoy.	3.30 PM
	7.00 PM
FRIDAY	
Amoy.	Fri. 22nd
Dairen.	9.30 AM
Shanghai.	10.30 AM
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan.	2.30 PM
	3.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 4th January 1940.	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
SATURDAY	
	Sat. 23rd
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 22nd 5.00 PM Ord. 23rd 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U. S. A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"— due San Francisco 29th December.	Reg. 22nd 5.00 PM Ord. 23rd 7.30 AM
Saigon.	10.30 AM
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"— due London 31st Dec.	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Afri- ca, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples, 17th January 1940.	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Fort Bayard and Tourane.	5.30 PM
SUNDAY	
Amoy.	Sun. 24th
Haiphong.	9.00 AM
	8.00 AM
MONDAY	
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin.	Mon. 25th
	Noon

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HITLER'S REFUSAL OF PEACE EFFORTS

British Press Comments

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter)—
The British press is extremely
interested in the Italian policy.
Following Saturday's speech by
Count Ciano.

The Manchester Guardian
calls the speech one of the
most important of the war.
When the Soviet-Nazi Pact was
signed, says the paper, the Italian
Foreign Minister was as surprised
as the rest of Europe

Herr Hitler gave Italy less notice
than is customary and expected
between partners.

The paper stresses Count Ciano's
reference to the fact that Italy
and Germany, agreed that they
must avoid war for some years in
their own interests.

That, says the Manchester
Guardian, would be disturbing
reading for the Germans.
If the German people are
ever allowed to read it.

NAZI PROMISE

The paper also points out that
in March this year, Germany
agreed not to do anything for
some four or five years, during
which time she could organise her
military resources.

The Times praises Signor
Mussolini's efforts to preserve
peace. Herr Hitler replied

with a refusal eighteen days
before the invasion of Poland.
So much for the often re-
peated Nazi slogan about "the patience
of the Fuehrer."